



Clifford R. Burns

April 3, 1931 - September 18, 2022

Clifford Robert Burns, 91, of Southington, husband of the late Cynthia (Valerius) Burns, passed away Sunday (September 18, 2022) at the Jerome Home. Born in Portland, Maine on April 3, 1931 to the late Rachel (Fiato) and Francis Burns, he was a former longtime resident of Newington.

Cliff left Portland in 1948 to serve in the US Navy. He served during the Korean Conflict at various duty stations including, Key West, FL. Norfolk, VA and New London, CT. He and Cynthia wed on June 6, 1952. After his Naval discharge in 1957 he moved to Newington and started working at the Hartford Courant. Cliff also served on the Newington Police Department as he and Cindy raised their young family. Cliff retired from the Courant in 1993 after a 36-year career. He and Cynthia enjoyed their retirement years, spending time with their family and traveling the east coast from their home in Winter Haven, Florida to their camp by the Saco River in Conway, New Hampshire. Cliff was an avid UConn Women's Basketball Fan and always looked forward to his family trips to The Lodge for golf and lobsters. His grandchildren brought him special joy.

Surviving are four sons, Timothy Burns and his wife Robin of Westerly, RI; Christian Burns and his wife Jessica of Cromwell, CT; Gregory Burns and his wife Jody of Andover, CT; Douglas Burns and his wife Kathy of Rocky Hill, CT; and a daughter, Deborah Butterfield and her husband Scott of Wethersfield, CT; a brother, Ronald Burns and his wife Joanne of Portland, ME; a sister, Sandra Brown and her husband Donald of Westbrook, ME; twelve

grandchildren; four great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Cliff was predeceased by an infant son, Christopher Lee Burns (Buzzi); and two brothers, Les Burns and Thomas Burns.

A Memorial gathering for Cliff and Cynthia will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 11:00 AM at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT. Burial with military honors will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, CT. A reception will follow. Donations may be made to the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation, 5550 West Executive Drive, Suite #200, Tampa, FL 33609. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave
West Hartford, CT 06107

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Oh, how I love(d) my Uncle “Keefy”. That handsome young sailor who swept away your mama, who had an extra special way with babies and dogs, was a very sweet uncle to me. I loved his contagious and hearty laughter. Such a hard worker on projects.

As a young teen I actually carried him on my back, piggy-back style! One day, up at camp, the family was all amazed at my leg strength for carrying big cousins on my back... so he dared me to try to carry him, and I did!!! I think they were all shocked. Not too many steps... but I did it! I carried my Uncle Cliff!!!

I loved when we'd visit up at your mom and dad's porch at camp. He was always so welcoming!

And a special remembrance of your Mama/Grandma/Great Grandma, too as you also remember and celebrate her life. My mommy Sylvia and your Cynthia shared a room just before being born. I think mine pushed her way to the front to get out... sorry Aunt Cynthia! I love(d) my Aunt Cynthia and I miss her smiles, humor, laughter and kindnesses to me. Although rather reserved and shy, she was nurse bold and helped many people over the years. Though her exit from this life was difficult during the height of the pandemic, we know she was never alone because Jesus was with her continually, never leaving her for a moment.

I know Cliff and Cynthia expressed the joy they had in listening to the Gaithers in their later years. Their music reminds us of the hymn singing we used to do at Bethel, songs of the sure Hope we can have of a new and glorious life in heaven (and not boring at all... a lot of good hard work and fun on a new earth, with no more sadness and badness). And all possible through Jesus, Who paid our way by dying on the the cross, in our place. When this Bible truth is received and believed, we can know joy and peace and have the for sure hope of seeing and playing with our loved ones again. (Smorgasbords and piggy back rides, even!)

Our love & hugs to each of you and our prayers, from the Matthews/McMahon/Rehder branch of the family.



Mindy

Mindy McMahon - September 27, 2022 at 06:57 AM

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“ *Our very deepest condolences to my half brothers and half sister and the rest of my family. God bless you all in this very difficult time.*



*Robert T Campbell Sr.
Robert T Campbell Jr.
Tamara Campbell*

Robert Campbell Sr. - September 22, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Thinking of You Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Clifford R. Burns.*



September 21, 2022 at 11:31 AM