



Phil Burford

March 23, 1945 - March 24, 2021

Jay Philip Burford was born March 23, 1945, in Lindsay, Oklahoma, to John Walter and Mary Evelyn Bishop Burford. He died Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 76 years. Phil was reared and educated in Lindsay and graduated with the Lindsey High School Class of 1963. He attended the University of Oklahoma for three and a half years before enlisting in the armed forces. He served his country honorably with United States Navy. Upon his discharge, he furthered his education at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. He spent most of his working life as a medical toxicology technologist with Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa. Phil was married November 23, 1985, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Pat Gray. For many years he attended Southwood Baptist Church in Tulsa and along with Pat, enjoyed watching the children of single mothers so they could enjoy some free time. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, particularly tinkering with electronic gadgets. He especially enjoyed his role of “Poppy” and “Papa”. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife: Pat, of the home

Daughter; Misti Henderson and husband Kenny, of Collinsville, Oklahoma

Granddaughters; Kayla Rike and husband Jared Grigg, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Bre Henderson, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Great grandchildren; Addison Grigg and Lawson Grigg

Brother; John Burford and wife Jackie, of Boca Raton, Florida

Sister; Susan Schoon and husband Don, of Lindsay, Oklahoma

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2021, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2021, at Southwood Baptist Church in Tulsa with Pastor Darrin McKnight officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Jared Grigg, Kenny Henderson, Darrell Buttress, David Sutton, Gene Adams, and Jesse Fair. Committal service and interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Owasso, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 4110 South 100th East Avenue, Suite #101, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74146. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

www.moweryfs.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

11811 E. 76th St. N.
Owasso, OK 74055

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 N. Garnett Rd.
Owasso, OK 74055
(918) 272-6244
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

Southwood Baptist Church
4020 S 102nd E Ave
Tulsa, OK 74146

Memorial Fund

MAR 29 (CT)

American Cancer Society
4110 South 100th East Avenue, STE 101
Tulsa, OK 74146

Tribute Wall

KK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Phil since 1984, but have fond memories of our friendship in the late 1960's & early 1970's in San Diego. We met at Mission Village Baptist Church.

Karen Kresovsky - April 11, 2021 at 02:29 PM

MB

“ Pat and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and my friend Phil! I have so many wonderful memories of over 40 years working with Phil plus we both were graduates of East Central University at Ada Oklahoma. We are part of the success that Hillcrest Medical center is today! Phil was very dedicated to and exceptional at his job. We were all like family. I'm going to miss him so much but I know I will see him again someday and I'm looking forward to it! Martha Pogue Broom

Martha P. Broom - March 28, 2021 at 02:29 PM

SS

“ I will always remember Phil as a humble Godly servant. Many times while raising my children, we had to move. Phil, along with other Southwood class members, would always be there, giving up his weekend, to help my children and family. He always had a kind, loving word. I looked forward to greeting him each Sunday in class. Keeping Pat and family in our prayers.

Steve Strate - March 28, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JA

“ *Jill Alberter lit a candle in memory of Phil Burford*



Jill Alberter - March 27, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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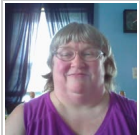
“ *Phillip was a kind soul with a warm smile and a great sense of humor. He too was a native of Lindsay, a quiet man, and a wonderful son and brother. Mother and I had the pleasure of seeing Phillip, Susan, and John on June 16, 2019 in Norman, Oklahoma, when we “crashed” a family reunion being held at the Home of Vivian and Charles Holt.*

We met Phillip, John, and Susan’s spouses and visited with lifelong friends and members of The Burford family. We are so grateful to have spent that time with them all. God bless you all during this time.

Sincerely,

Jill Street Burgar Alberter and Wanda Lou Street

Jill Alberter - March 27, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Phil was a great teacher to me in my 15 years of working in the laboratory at Hillcrest medical center. He will surely be missed. My prayers an thoughts are with the family at this time. 😭*

Nan Ritter - March 26, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phil Burford.*



March 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy Pat and family. I have lots of fond memories working 40 years with Phil at HMC lab. So sorry to hear of Phil's passing. Great guy.*



Karen Garrett - March 26, 2021 at 12:20 AM