



Raymond C. Burroughs

March 28, 1931 - March 24, 2026

Raymond C. Burroughs, age 94, of Murphysboro, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

He was born on March 28, 1931 to Benjamin F. and Nellie M. (Tite) Burroughs in Equality, Illinois.

Raymond served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952 to 1954. He attended Southern Illinois University and was a graduate of The Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin. He had a long and accomplished career in banking that began at the Bank of America in Bakersfield, California, in 1955, followed by 10 years in Fairfield, Illinois, as a founding member, shareholder and Executive Vice President of Wayne County Bank, and 26 years as Chairman and CEO of City National Bank of Murphysboro, Illinois.

While in Murphysboro he served on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the board of directors of GTE North Incorporated, and various other industry boards and commissions including the Illinois Commission on Financing Higher Education, Egyptian Valley Chapter of the Bank Administration Institute, and as a board member and in other capacities with both the Illinois Bankers Association and American Bankers Association.

His public service included the USS Abraham Lincoln Commissioning Committee, board member of SIU Foundation, John A. Logan College Foundation, Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce, and was the founder of the original Appletime Golf Classic. He was named Murphysboro Citizen of the Year in 1985.

Ray lived life to the fullest, was extremely proud of his family, and had the ability to reach people in a positive way, building cherished relationships that lasted generations. He was a dedicated, life-long supporter and fan of SIU Athletics.

Survivors include his son, Steve (Debbie) Burroughs; grandchildren, Garrett (Courtney) Burroughs and Rachel (Aiden) McMahan; great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Leighton and Beckham Burroughs; and Carsen McMahan.

Along with his parents and wife, he is preceded in death by brothers Benjamin, John and Charles Burroughs, and sisters; Tessie Barlow, Bea Menane, Dora Silva and Eileen Butler.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home.

A Private Graveside Service with Rev. John Annable officiating followed by interment will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Equality, Illinois.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Legion Post #127. Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
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Funeral Service

MAR 27. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I didn't know Ray well. But I do know that he was a friend to my husband, "Dunk", and I appreciated Ray attending my husband's funeral visitation last March. Sending my condolences to his family.*

Laura Duncan - March 26 at 08:34 AM



“ *T.J. & Theresa purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Raymond C. Burroughs.*



T.J. & Theresa - March 25 at 07:37 PM