



Richard Lee Burnett

August 14, 1939 - June 30, 2014

Richard Lee "Dick" Burnett, 74, of Murphysboro passed away at 7:46 PM Monday, June 30, 2014 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Richard was born on August 14, 1939, in Cairo, Illinois, to William "Tanner" Burnett and Rosemary (Halteman) Burnett.

He was a retired Engineering Technician 5 with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and had been the President and Treasurer of the Carbondale Highway Credit Union for many years. After his retirement he began working for E.T. Simonds and he also sold real estate for the Heins Real Estate and Ozburn Real Estate and Insurance Agencies.

Richard was a devout Christian, who loved the Lord with all his heart. He was a member of Calvary Campus Church in Carbondale, where he greeted everyone with a smile, kind word and of course a hug.

He was a graduate of Cairo High School, where he met and later married his high school sweetheart Barbara Ann Axelson on November 17, 1961, in Cairo. Barbara always said a man chases a woman until she catches him. She survives.

Other survivors include three children Carla Bunselmeyer and special friend

Kevin Ehlers of Murphysboro, Angela Ritter and her husband Eric Ritter of Carterville, and Gregory Burnett and his wife Alyssa Burnett of Godfrey, IL;

eight grandchildren Daniel (Khrystyne) Bunselmeyer, Matthew Bunselmeyer, Elizabeth Bunselmeyer, Michael Ritter, Christin Ritter, Anna Burnett, Grace Burnett, and Justin Burnett;

one brother Kenneth Burnett and his wife Sharon Burnett of Murphysboro; and one sister Carol Green and her husband Joe Green, all of Murphysboro;

several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, uncles and aunts.

His family was a very important part of Richard's life which was reflected in the life he lived. Richard was a devoted husband, who loved and adored his wife as she adored him. He fulfilled her wishes by working several jobs, so that she could stay home with their children.

Dad was a tender, caring father who was always there for his children. He always loved and supported them throughout his life. He coached all of his children, never missing a game.

Papa was a cherished grandfather who always made time for his grandkids. If he wasn't on the floor playing with them, he was attending one of their many activities.

He was always there and supportive of his brothers and sisters in their time of need and was a true and loyal friend to all who knew him.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, but we take great

comfort in knowing that he is with his Lord Jesus Christ.

Funeral services will be at 11 AM Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at Calvary Campus Church in Carbondale, and entombment will follow at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM Monday, July 7, 2014 at Pettett Funeral Home in Murphysboro, and then from 10 to 11 AM Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Calvary Campus Church or to the Alzheimer Association. For more information please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lee Burnett*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Barbara, Carla, Angie, and Greg, I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I know you are hurting and will miss him greatly. I have only the fondest of memories of growing up with him as a wonderful neighbor. I pray that God will help you find healing in your heart. Know that I care greatly for all of you and wish I could be there to help support you in your time of need and pain. Thinking of you, John*

John Smith - July 07, 2014 at 12:52 PM



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John Smith - July 07, 2014 at 12:50 PM



“ *Barb, you know how sorry I am for your loss. I wish I had known Richard, but I will when I get up to Heaven. I know John and him are having a good time at the throne of God. I am just a phone call away if you need anything at all. I will be calling you when everything settles just a bit. I love you. Shirley*

Shirley Marjanovich - July 06, 2014 at 08:39 PM

MH

“ Our condolences, Barb, I Have always appreciated your friendly smile and conversation whenever we would meet. There is comfort in knowing that another child of God has gone on to be with our Lord, and one day we will meet again. Love and hugs. Karen

Marvin and Karen Hale - July 06, 2014 at 09:18 AM

RK

“ I am so sorry for the loss of my Dear Childhood Friend..... Richard was one fantastic Young Man and will be missed by all.

*Prayers for the Family,
Richard will be missed by all.*

Richard "Dickie Tom" Kearney - July 06, 2014 at 08:15 AM

KM

“ Sending my condolences to the Burnett family. Didn't know Mr. Burnett personally but know his son and family who use to worship at Murdale Baptist Church in C'dale. My Uncle Robert McCormick probably worked with Mr. Burnett at IDOT when they both were younger. So they are together in heaven now watching still over the roadways. Keep his legacy alive in your hearts,souls, and minds. Heaven is getting more blessed by the hour with all these faithful, dedicated souls entering in. Hugs and prayers. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL

Karen McNeely McMinn - July 04, 2014 at 05:10 PM

RK

“ I was so shocked and saddened to learn of your great loss. Richard was a very special man. I shall keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Ruth Sebastian Kidwell - July 03, 2014 at 08:18 AM

KB

“ *Barb & Family,
We send our deepest sympathy with the loss of a wonderful man.
Please cherish those precious memories to comfort you. We feel
blessed to have been a friend of Richard's and got to share good
times together especially in Naples, Florida.
Barb, now Take Care of Yourself! We Love You!*

Ken & Sue Brackett - July 03, 2014 at 05:55 AM

RH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Richard
was a good man. Its never easy to say goodbye to a loved one, but
we know with your faith you will get through this together as a
family.*

Ron and Debbie Harper - July 02, 2014 at 06:48 PM