



## Stevan Edson Burtnett

August 20, 1942 - June 1, 2017

Stevan Edson Burtnett, 74, of Murphysboro, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2017, at his home in Murphysboro.

Stevan was born on August 20, 1942, in Peoria, Illinois, to Robert Burtnett and Eleanor (Edson) Burtnett.

Mr. Burtnett had worked over thirty years as a police officer and spent most of that time as a police K-9 handler. Steve was a twenty-seven year veteran of the Mt. Vernon Police Department.

He was an avid Ham Radio operator, and he loved St. Louis Cardinal baseball and fishing. Steve also cherished time spent with his grandchildren.

Mr. Burtnett was an active member of St. Andrew Catholic Church and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus in Murphysboro.

Steve is survived by his wife Rebecca "Becky" Leyes. They were married on August 17, 1974, in Wilmington, Illinois.

Other survivors include one son and daughter-in-law Robert and Jody Burtnett of Decatur;

two daughters and sons-in-law Ann and Blake Klug of Cedarburg, WI and Deborah and Doug Minner of Hutchinson, KS.;

seven grandchildren James Burtnett and Elliot Burtnett, both of Decatur, Chris and Kari Klug of Cedarburg, WI and Aidan, Sean, and Eleanor Minner, all of Hutchison, KS;

one great-granddaughter Kinsley Riemenschneider of Cedarburg, WI;

one brother Dale Burtnett of Gage, OK; and one sister Sue Tappeiner and her husband John Tappeiner of Corvallis, OR.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

His body will be cremated and a memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating and burial at St. Andrew Cemetery. Rosary will be at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the church with a visitation will follow from 9:30 to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stevan Edson Burtnett*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Becky...So sorry to hear about your husband..God Bless and Take Care*

**Jackie Devine** - June 09, 2017 at 08:05 AM



“ *Dearly missed loved seeing you when ever possible*

**Amy** - June 05, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Becky and family ! Sherrie and I are deeply saddened about Steve's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Steve was an excellent police office and an expert dog handler ! I enjoyed working with Steve and Sherrie and I both enjoyed our time visiting you when you both lived on Airport Road in Mt. Vernon...*

*Sincerely;  
David & Sherrie Payne*

**David Payne** - June 05, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ *Becky and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Steve was a wonderful, caring man and will be missed. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Theresa Madel** - June 03, 2017 at 02:21 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have always liked Steve. A good man. Becky and Rob my heart goes out to you both.

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**Susan Smith** - June 02, 2017 at 11:08 PM

LW

“ SO very sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I remember Steve (and Becky) from when I was a little girl when he and my dad (Brad) were on the police force together. There just aren't many of the officers from that era left. My thoughts are with you in this difficult time.  
Laura

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**Laura Warren-Cashman** - June 02, 2017 at 10:29 PM

KR

“ I'm SO sorry to hear this! I loved having you two in the office! He always kept it interesting!! My deepest sympathies!  
Your hygienist-Kendra

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**Kendra rynski** - June 02, 2017 at 05:19 PM

JB

“ I worked with Steve at Mt. Vernon Police Department from my start in 1997 until his retirement in 2003. I knew him prior to that with my time at the Sheriff's Office. He was a man of good humor and patience. While the younger officers were busy being aggressive, he was always close by, having our backs, never hesitating to jump in and help. He was quick to give a compliment when he saw one of us doing good work. I was saddened to hear of his passing and my heart felt prayers go out to his family. God bless.

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**Jeff Bullard** - June 02, 2017 at 04:44 PM