



Mr. James E. Burt III

July 23, 1937 - March 21, 2018

James E. Burt, III, son of the late James E. Burt, Jr. and Corneille Burns of Benton, Louisiana, passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, surrounded by his family following a lengthy illness. A native of Benton, Louisiana, he was born on July 23, 1937, the son of a pioneer Bossier Parish farm family that migrated to Ivan, Louisiana following the Civil War. He and his wife, Judith, have lived in North Carolina for the past twenty-eight years.

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judith Clower Burt, and their three children, James E. Burt IV of New York City, Prentiss C. Burt and his wife Helen Thompson Burt, of Houston, Texas, and Corneille Burt Algarra and her husband, Mario A. Algarra of Atlanta, Georgia, and three grandchildren, J. Prentiss Burt, Mary Helen Burt, and Raybourne E. Burt.

A career banker, Jim served as president of the State First National Bank in Texarkana, Arkansas from 1973 until 1980, when he accepted the position of president and CEO of Commercial National Bank in Shreveport. In 1990, Jim and Judith moved to Lincolnton, North Carolina, where Jim continued his banking career. At the time of his retirement in 2001, Jim was chairman of First Charter Corp., headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jim was a graduate of the Oklahoma Military Academy, Louisiana State University, and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking in Rutgers, New Jersey. While at LSU, Jim was a member and president of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and played on the varsity baseball team. He and Judith, who also attended LSU, met their freshman year and were married during their senior year on November 28, 1958. Upon graduation from LSU in 1959, Jim was named a Distinguished Military Graduate, commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, and served in the 6th Armored Cavalry. After receiving an honorable discharge, Jim spent several years farming and then began his banking career at the First National Bank in Shreveport, Louisiana.

A community and business leader throughout his career, Jim served as president of the Texarkana, Arkansas, Chamber of Commerce in 1977, president of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce in 1984, and as president of the Louisiana Bankers Association in 1988. Jim was named Shreveport's Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1971, and

served on the board of directors for Southwestern Electric Power Company in Shreveport for thirteen years beginning in 1977. While in Lincoln, Jim was instrumental in establishing the Lincoln County Community Foundation, a regional affiliate of the Foundation for the Carolinas.

A lifelong Presbyterian, Jim held numerous leadership positions in the church including church Elder, member of the church Session, and member of the church's finance committee. Jim also took great joy in devoting his time and leadership skills to the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry in Buncombe County, North Carolina, an allied service arm of the church.

Jim was a loving father and is fondly remembered by his children for leading the family on countless summer camping trips and winter ski vacations, his tireless efforts coaching their little league baseball teams, taking them water skiing and duck hunting, and attending Corneille's basketball games throughout her junior high, high school and college basketball years. Jim was also a passionate golfer and will be sorely missed by his golfing buddies.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018, at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church in Black Mountain, North Carolina. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018, at the Osborne Funeral Home in Shreveport, Louisiana, followed by a graveside service at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday March 31, 2018, at Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Unrestricted Endowment Fund, P. O. Box 235, Black Mountain, North Carolina, 28711, <https://www.svcministry.org>.

Honoring Jim as pallbearers will be A. Sydney Burt, Jr., Quintin T. Hardtner, III, John K. Johnson, Russell J. Ogilvie, III, William C. Peatross, Scott J. Pias, Jack S. Resneck, John F. Stroud Jr., and C. Cody White.

The family wishes to express its profound gratitude to the Mission Health Organization, CarePartners Hospice Solace Center, and especially Dr. Clay Ballantine, all of Asheville, North Carolina.

Comments



“ I just learned of Mr. Burts passing. My condolences to the Burt family. I have many special memories of him. He frequently mentioned my grandmothers cooking in Arkansas and what a "spread" it was. He traveled a very long way to be with us when my dad passed. That meant the world to us. He always called me "woo". I hope he and Gerald are reminiscing and telling banking stories. God Bless, Louan Peace Loverich

Louan Peace Loverich - April 29, 2018 at 03:40 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Burt Family. Very sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He has joined the Mystic Circle of DKE Brothers that have gone before him. He will remain a friend from the heart forever.

Ken McLellan

Ken McLellan - March 26, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ Dear Burt Family

Sad to hear of Jim's passing.

We went to float the Cossatot River. The water was roaring; after a few yards and bending the canoe in half we decided to quit. Rest in peace big boy.

Dick Wright

Dick Wright - March 26, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ Dear Judith and family,

I am so saddened to learn of Jim's death. What wonderful memories I have of you both at LSU during our college years. I was delighted that my Jim and I had that fun visit with you both several years back in Black Mountain at my sister's home.

Please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss.

We send our love to you,
Judy (Wintle) and Jim Reynolds

Judith W. Reynolds - March 24, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ Dear Burts,

I am so sorry to learn of the loss of Jim, and I am keeping you in my thoughts this weekend and for days to come. Shared memories and the love of family and friends will sustain you. Love to all, Kathy Heckscher

Katharine Heckscher - March 24, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ Betty Welch lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Burt III



Betty Welch - March 23, 2018 at 07:48 AM



“ JANICE BLANKENSHIP lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Burt III



JANICE BLANKENSHIP - March 22, 2018 at 11:04 PM



“ To the Burt Family, I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. I will always remember how much Mr. Burt loved my cooking,,he always thanked me and would remark with a "that smells good" when it was something he really liked, and he did like my collard greens,and the soup I made for him ,he called it the soup with the dumplings in it. It has been my pleasure to help Mr.and Mrs. Burt the past couple of years, and I am here for you Mrs. Burt, always will be, you are a wonderful lady and Mr. Burt was a very lucky man to have you by his side every day if his life, what a remarkable testimony of love, marriage and faith the two of you showed the world.I love you all and consider myself a part of your family, know I am here if you need me for anything,,,,,With Love and prayers, Janice Blankenship

JANICE BLANKENSHIP - March 22, 2018 at 11:03 PM