



## Thomas Aaron Burns

June 27, 1939 - February 2, 2019

Thomas Aaron Burns, went to his heavenly reward on February 2, 2019. Aaron loved God and he loved people. He was devoted to the love of his life and wife of 60 years, Ruby Eubanks Burns, and their children: Jimmy Burns and his wife, Stephanie, of Olive Branch, Mississippi; Roger Burns of Southaven, Mississippi; and Donna Burns Tanski and her husband, Steve, of Tuscaloosa. He was the proud granddaddy of six grandkids: Cortney (Kevin), Colt, Chase (Gracie), Carley, Maggie, Lily and one great-grandchild, Molly.

Aaron was a superhero to his children and grandchildren, but also to so many others who sought his wise counsel and calm strength including the many nieces and nephews of his brothers and sisters. He is survived by one brother, Jackson Burns (Anne) and one sister, Joyce Zurek. He is preceded in death by his other siblings: Houston, Christine, James, Jackson, Robbie Nell, Gerald, and Betty.

Aaron was born in Limestone County to Everett and Clora Ray Burns. He graduated from West Limestone High School where he met Ruby when they were 15 and 16. They married soon after Ruby graduated and started their life together. They lived in Chicago for a short while but returned to Athens to help care for Ruby's brother and mother. In 1971, they moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and then to Horn Lake, Mississippi, where they raised their children with love and faith. In 2002, Aaron and Ruby retired to Athens. They

joined Oakland Church of Christ and made many wonderful friends who became their second family.

Anyone who knew Aaron was struck by his work ethic. He loved to work and he loved to play and he loved to laugh while doing both. He could fix or build just about anything, and he was in high demand in his retirement to do all sorts of handyman jobs. When he wasn't working, Aaron loved to hunt and fish and watch his grandkids play ball. An athlete himself, Aaron played multiple sports including football and basketball in high school and later in a men's slow pitch league. Whatever his kids and grandkids were involved in, he was there to support them and they will never forget it.

We will celebrate the life of Aaron Burns on February 5th at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12-1:45 with service immediately following at 2pm. He will be laid to rest at Miller Cemetery in Lauderdale County. Thank you to everyone who helped our family during his illness.

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *What a joy it was to get to know Bro. Burns growing up in Southaven, MS. For many years we attended Stateline road Church of Christ together. He was a wonderful testimony of good, Godly leadership and faithfulness. I remember Mr Burns taking me on a fishing trip as a teenage boy. We piled into his small flatbottom boat and he navigated us around the lake with a single paddle. He taught me how to fish using a "torpedo" lure. It was a special day that I recall quite often in my adulthood. I am so grateful that he took time with me that day. It made an everlasting mark on my life for which I am blessed. He was a wonderful man of God. I'm sure his reward in heaven will be great! May God bless you richly, Brad McNatt and family Elkmont, AL*

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**Brad mcnatt** - February 05, 2019 at 06:56 PM

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“ *Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.*

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**Tribute Store** - February 05, 2019 at 10:59 AM

WG

“ There are no words to describe hero when remembering Uncle Aaron. He was more than a hero. When I was growing up he was a second father to us while my dad was away on military service for 6 and 9 months at a time. We would go "home" for visits during this time. Uncle Aaron and Aunt Ruby's house was home to us in Athens, AL. He always had hugs, advice, comfort, and a twinkle in his eye when he told us he loved us and things would be ok. I grew up with all of my aunts , uncles, and cousins being my immediate family. Uncle Aaron never let the miles change our family as we grew up. They (Athens) represented home to us. Thank You Uncle Aaron for being a loving brother to my Mama. She loved you very much. I will always love and remember you. Rest in Peace.  
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**Wanda Faye Grisham** - February 05, 2019 at 09:04 AM

LJ

“ Well... I would say something of Thomas A Burns. But, I didn't know him personally. But, wait, I would say I know him via his son Jimmy Burns. Then I guess I do know Thomas. I would have known a kind person, loving father, great husband, and a great grandfather.  
RIP Thomas Aaron Burns.  
PS...Jimmy I don't believe could build a deck like his father.

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**Loren Johnson** - February 04, 2019 at 10:53 AM