



William "Burnie" Burnice McLaurin Jr.

December 8, 1942 - April 18, 2023

William "Burnie" Burnice McLaurin Jr. was born December 8, 1942, in Cross Creek, North Carolina to William Sr. and Ruby (Tew) McLaurin. He grew up and attended school in Fayetteville, North Carolina. After high school, Burnie furthered his education and obtained his Master's Degree in Education.

Burnie married Deborah Stever on April 26, 1974, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Their combined family consisted of three children: Cord, Paige, and Chad. Burnie influenced the lives of many students throughout his forty-year career in education. He retired from the Salem R-80 school district as high school principal, after serving for nine years.

Burnie enjoyed a variety of activities, including tennis, Rummikub, working in his shop, and spending time with his dogs.

Burnie had an enduring faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord, and a was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Salem, Missouri. He looked forward to Sunday morning Bible study and enjoyed theological discussions.

Burnie passed to his eternal reward April 18, 2023, at his home in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty. He is survived by his wife: Deborah McLaurin of Salem, MO; children: Cord McLaurin and wife Pam of Ironton, MO, Paige

Prusuhn of Bonne Terre, MO; Chad McLaurin of Columbia, MO; sister: Amy Rogers of Fayetteville, NC; grandchildren: Jordan McLaurin of Salem, MO, Callie McLaurin of Ironton, MO, Brittany Tripp of Bonne Terre, MO, Angie Turner of Crestwood, MO, Cassie Mough of Springfield, MO, Serena McLaurin of Spokane, WA, and Aiden McLaurin stationed in Japan; as well as several other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents: William Burnice Sr. and Ruby McLaurin and his brother: Jerry McLaurin.

Burnie will be missed by those who knew and loved him, including his dog Marley.

Memorial Services for William "Burnie" Burnice McLaurin Jr. were held Saturday, April 24, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Salem, Missouri with Pastor Joel Hayworth and Minister David Hancock officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

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