



David Lee Burnley

December 19, 1937 - April 8, 2010

David Burnley, aged 72 of Searcy, Arkansas, peacefully left this life and entered into the arms of Jesus on April 8, 2010. Born December 19, 1937 in Kevil, Kentucky, he was the seventh child of Willie and Ora Burnley. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Jack Burnley, O.T. Burnley, James Burnley and one sister, Edna Darnell.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Sylvia "Bunny" Burnley of Searcy, one sister Mary Epps of Edwardsville, Illinois, and three brothers, Bill Burnley (Marie) of Murray, Kentucky, Charles Burnley (Susan) of Searcy, Arkansas, and Wayne Burnley (wife Jackie) of Brandon, Mississippi; a second mother, Hazel Bean Webb of Searcy, a brother-in-law Fred Bean (Glenda) of Little Rock, eleven nieces, six nephews, other relatives and a multitude of friends.

Mr. Burnley was a member of First United Methodist Church of Searcy where he served on different committees and at different times as a Sunday School teacher. He was a man of God who believed in building and strengthening his church so that more could find the peace of Christ that he knew.

Mr. Burnley graduated from Kensett High School in 1954 and earned degrees from State Teachers College (now UCA) of Conway and Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He was a strong advocate for education in the state and loved to support local and state sports teams.

Mr. Burnley's past accomplishments included Superintendent of Schools at Pangburn, Pleasant Plains and Concord; Assistant Director of the Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative; Chairman of the Arkansas Association of School Administrators; Chairman of the Northcentral Arkansas Workforce Education Board; President and lifetime member of the White County Athletic Association; Wilbur Mills Treatment Advisory Board; Searcy Airport Commission; North Central Arkansas Private Industry Council; Searcy Park and Recreation Board; White County Regional Library; President of the River Oaks Trace Condominium Association; Arkansas Workforce Investment Board; and Past Master Kensett Lodge #674.

Visitation will be 6 - 8 p.m. on Saturday. Funeral Service will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church in Searcy. Interment will follow in White County Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 304 N. Main, Searcy, Arkansas or the White County Medical Foundation, Cancer Center Fund, 3214 East Race Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas, 72143.

Tribute Wall



“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOST THINKING OF YOU SINCERLEY
MARY ANN MASON

February 10, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ Mrs. Burnley, I'm sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

February 10, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ Dear Ms. Burnley,
I know this is very late but I am so sorry to just read of Mr. Burnley's passing. I appreciate so much the influence that you both had on me...a stuggling beginning teacher. I have very fond memories of working for you both at Pangburn High School. I apprecaite how you both welcomed us in to your beautiful home and testified in such a wonderful Christian way concerning the careers of education. I was able to learn from both of you, watching you work together to make the Pangburn district the best that it could be. I wish you well
Melody Witt (former student teacher)

January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Burnley
I am so sorry for your loss. You and the family have my deepest sympathy.

April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you in your sorry ! Love to you.

April 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Burnley, so sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers.

April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM