



## Robert "Bobby" Brient Burleson

March 25, 1951 - January 1, 2021

Robert "Bobby" Brient Burleson, 69, of Sweetwater, TN, passed away on January 1, 2021.

Robert was born on March 25, 1951 to Robert T. Burleson and Doris J. Burleson in Sweetwater, TN. After graduating from Sweetwater High School in 1970, he went on to study classical guitar and photography. Robert had a career working as a master electrician, as well as capturing many memories as a photographer.

In addition to being a loving father and grandfather, Robert also spent much of his life as a dedicated leader in Boy Scouts. He had a love for the outdoors and found pride in passing down the many skills he had acquired to the young men in the organization. Two of those young men being his sons, both of which went out to obtain the great honor of Eagle Scout. Robert never met a stranger and was quick to engage in conversation with anyone who needed a word of encouragement, a laugh, or an ear to listen. Throughout his life he held an unwavering faith in God in which he shared with those around him.

Robert joins his parents, Robert and Doris, and brother, Rick Burleson, in Heaven. He is survived by his son Andy Burleson and wife Chasity of Asheville, NC; his son David Burleson and wife Nihan of Easley, SC; granddaughters Maci, Payton, and Lila; grandsons Daghan and Taylor; his sister, Susan Stephens, his brother, Scott Burleson and sister in law Cheryl Burleson of Sweetwater, TN,; as well as his nieces, Heather, Emily and Caitlin; and nephews Eric and Nicholas.

A remembrance service will be held virtually on the zoom platform on Saturday, January 16th at 2pm EST. Please follow the below link to join the service and use passcode Bobby  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87202579592?pwd=bFo4VUtIVDE4MTNpSnBnQjIUMUY2QT09>

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to the National Forest Foundation, <https://support.nationalforests.org/give> in Robert's name so that the next generation can enjoy the outdoors just as he did. <http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com>



# Comments

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“ I was a neighbor of 15 years. My parents Ron and Jan Johnson knew Robert years before when my parents owned a antique store downtown. My mom got Robert to take Santa pictures for Small town Christmas many years and he also would set up a area in his driveway to take Halloween pictures of children stopping by for a treat. My grandkids were fond of him and my grandson Jackson, when he was 2, couldn't pronounce his name and for several years called him "Ribbet." He loved playing his guitar and some evenings he would sit out on his porch and play. You could hear his classical strumming threw the street. I had the honor of Robert playing at my wedding and then again at my son Peyton's wedding in October 2019. He would also walk the streets of Sweetwater with his camera in hand taking pictures and stopping at the hospital to grab a coffee and just to chat. RIP Robert aka Ribbet, Bobby and Roberto. You will forever be walking these streets.

**Pam Christensen** - January 16 at 04:06 PM

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“ My memories of Bobby are all connected to his sons, Andy and David. We would see each other at special occasions like when Andy became an Eagle Scout or when the boys got married. He was always easy to talk to, and he seemed to love them very much.

**Peggy Trail** - January 16 at 02:26 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences go out to all of the Burleson family. Bobby was a lifelong dear friend of mine. Though we haven't seen each other in a number of years we always kept in touch. I recently talked to Bobby before Christmas. He was a big comfort to me this year as I lost my husband. I'm glad my husband Tom got to meet Bobby. "Between Two Hearts" Bobby was the best. He poured his soul into his music. I will miss him and hearing his voice so very much. Rest in peace.

Roxanne (Whitman) Flynn



**Roxanne C Flynn** - January 16 at 11:07 AM



“ No one knows that I was bringing him dinner on occasion No one knows but a week before he died I got him a Air Force Flight jacket for Christmas. I think Andy got it. I didn't always get along with Bobby. But I will miss him deeply. He was my brother to.

**Scott Burleson** - January 16 at 02:32 AM

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“ Martha Grogan lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brient Burleson



**martha grogan** - January 11 at 09:46 AM

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“ Diane Raulston lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brient Burleson



**Diane Raulston** - January 08 at 06:40 PM

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“ Sorry for this loss. He was a nice guy and so talented. Sympathy to the family.

**Barry Self** - January 06 at 08:34 PM

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“ I didn't know Robert as well as some here. But my job put me in contact with him regularly and every time it did we always enjoyed a nice conversation. He became a "mail route friend" and when my wife and I got the chance we loved to catch his guitar playing. I envied his massive talent.

**Greg Vasko** - January 05 at 06:58 PM



“ Heaven gained back an angel

**martha grogan** - January 11 at 09:49 AM

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“ Bobby was such a sweet man. He will be missed. May I play my guitar for you and God smiled!!

**Gail Hess** - January 05 at 09:59 AM

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“ He only left Happy Memories for us all to share.

**Sally Fleming** - January 05 at 08:58 AM

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“ Dinner Bell want be the same without you me and the rest will miss you deeply.....until we meet again.....I'm heartbroken....

Tammie Rogers

**Tammie Rogers** - January 04 at 08:09 PM

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“ He will be missed, Had such great memories of Him and His Mother coming in to our Cafe (Back IN Time) and having meals. He was a great person and His Mother was just as nice. Had a lot of talks regarding music since our cafe was all about the 50's and 60,s.  
He will be missed.  
Loving wishes for everyone.

Pete & Donna Marrs

Willie Pete Marrs - January 04 at 07:46 PM



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Angie Taylor - March 08 at 04:20 PM



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Angie Taylor - March 08 at 04:25 PM

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“ I'll never forget all the great nights on the porch of the Director's Cabin at Camp Buck Toms, cooking steaks, chewing the literal and proverbial fat, and enjoying life-changing fellowship. I'll miss you, Bobby.

Phil Breedlove - January 04 at 05:10 PM

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“ I am sure going to miss your hugs and your smile . You where like an uncle to me .I love you and I will miss you .



Tracy Schmitt - January 04 at 04:25 PM