



Hal McPherson Butler, Jr.

November 28, 1929 - June 30, 2014

Hal McPherson Butler, Jr., age 84, of Kingston passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 30, 2014. Mr. Butler was a 55 year member of First Baptist Church of Kingston. He was a member of the National Health Physics Society and of the East Tennessee Chapter of Health Physics. He received his B.S. degree in Engineering Physics from University of Chattanooga and was an AEC Fellow in Radiological Physics at Vanderbilt University. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. Mr. Butler was an employee of Oak Ridge National Laboratory for 34 years retiring as Director of the office of Radiation Protection. His favorite hobby was golfing with friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Hal and Addie Butler, brother Charles Butler, sisters Gaynell Wheeler and Mary Welch.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mildred Smith Butler; daughters Karen Pentecost (Don), Memphis, TN, and Kristi Parks (Russ), Duncansville, PA; grandsons Dr. Will Pentecost, Seattle, WA; David Pentecost (Megan), Roy Pentecost, Memphis, TN; Joe and Matt Parks, Duncansville, PA; granddaughters Rachel and Rebecca Parks, Duncansville, PA; great grandsons Theo and Jasper Pentecost; brother Delbert Butler (Jackie), Hixson, TN; many nieces and nephew.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8pm Wednesday July 2, 2014 at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston and from 12 Noon until 1pm Thursday July 3,

2014 at the First Baptist Church. The funeral will follow at 1pm with Dr. Sonny Works officiating. Burial in Kingston Memorial Gardens. Any memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund or Hands of Mercy, Kingston.

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Mildred, I'm so sorry you have to go thru this but remember God is in control and Hal won't have any more pain. That is the only way I have been able to go on. You and your family have been on my heart and in my prayers for sometime. I will keep you there. May God Bless!!

Aileen McDaniel - Kingston, TN - Friend - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I never worked directly with Hal, but I had similar responsibilities at Y-12 , and we got together every quarter for the 5-Plant Health Physics Committee. Even when he might disagree with someone, Hal was always gracious and understanding....a true gentleman. He was a joy to be around and will be sorely missed.

My sincere condolences to his wife and family.

Jerry Hunt - Oak Ridge, TN - Co-worker/Friend - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Mildred, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your memories give you peace and comfort.

Linda Mantooth - Knoxville, TN - friend - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Hal gave me my first job in Oak Ridge when he hired me away from TVA/ Browns Ferry in the fall of 1988.

Hal was a manager like few I have ever known, so kind and unassuming.

After a few years, Hal gave me my first work outside of the field technician activities which was an important step in my career today.

Russ Carvin

Russ Carvin - Knoxville, TN - Former employee - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Mildred, Karen, Kristi and family,

Hal was a dear friend and he will be missed very much. We had many good experiences handling radiation safety at several of ORNL's reactor facilities. Sally and I extend our love to each of you as Hal is now with God.

Fred haywood

Fred Haywood - Friend and Colleague - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I spoke with Hal's daughter today, July 1, 2014, and was reminded of the many fond memories I had with Hal, Jim Turner, and Harvel Wright...at the Laboratory in the 1980s. My thoughts are with Hal's wife and children during these times. May God Bless you. Jeff Chapman

Jeff Chapman - Knoxville, TN - ORNLer - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Kristi and Family,

You are in my thoughts and prayers as you begin this time or mourning and adjustment. Mr. Butler was a wonderful person. I will always cherish the many memories of spending time at your home on Friday or Saturday nights. Mr. Butler and you, Mrs. Butler, seemed like second parents. I remember all the fun things you did for Kristi, and I was a benefactor as well going along. I went to the beach and Disney World and got in trouble, too.....

One of my funniest memories (funnier now), was when Kristi first got her driver's license. Mr. Butler said she could come get me and drive me back to the house. Go no where else. We just couldn't resist! We decided to take a joy ride by Cedar Grove Baptist Church and come up Paint Rock from the other direction. About half way into this brilliant plan, we realized we'd be coming from the wrong direction. So we quickly turned around, drove like maniacs, got into the driveway.....Mr. Butler's car was still there. We had made it. Then we looked up and pulling in the driveway behind us was my dad's red truck with Mr. Butler riding "shotgun". We switched seats, and I went home.

I know you will miss him greatly, but you can be at peace for him and the life he led. He is with his God.

All my love, Jennifer

Jennifer Taylor Reeves - Smyrna , TN - family friend - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Karen & Family - remembering you in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. God Bless!*

Brenda Gatlin - Memphis, TN - Friend - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM