



James Marvin Burnette

May 26, 1948 - August 11, 2016

Our superhero James Marvin Burnette renewed his strength as he began his new life in eternal happiness on Thursday, August 11, 2016. He is now soaring high on wings like an eagle, running but not growing weary, walking but does not faint. He is receiving the many rewards that have been laid up for him as he rejoices with loved ones who have gone on before. He was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Estelle Burnette; brother: Rankin Burnette; daughter-in-law Angie Burnette. He was home surrounded by those who loved him dearly as he began his journey home. He was survived by his loving wife of 48 years Sandi Pettitt Burnette, son Jamey Burnette, daughters Staci (Tim) Gibby, Megan Burnette, Carmen Zamora, Victoria (Zac) Crowe, and Kate Burnette; grandchildren Clay, Beilei, Noah, Hunter, Taylor, Gavyn, and Brileigh; siblings Tommy (Kay) Burnette, Louise (John) Barnes, Sue (Steve) Clark, Darrell (Rhonda) Burnette, Dennis (Iva) Burnette, Vanessa (Chris) Francis.

All who loved and respected Marvelous Marvin would agree that he was an honest, hardworking, courageous, gentle, giving, kind, loyal, proud, and protective man of great strength, honor and integrity who lived his life as the Bible led: "So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God"(Colossians 1:10).

We choose to remember him as someone who loved southern gospel music, Dave Ramsey, Reader's Digest, golf, travel, corny jokes, sunsets, renovating,

bologna, crab legs, horehound candy, Tootsie Pops, and dancing to “Unchained Melody” with the love of his life for 51 years.

Mostly we remember him as a Godly man who loved his family and friends, in deed and in truth and with sacrificial giving, steadfastly providing wisdom, instruction, and understanding all the days of his life.

Though we are heavy burdened and our hearts can break no more, we are comforted by our Heavenly Father as His word says: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit”(Psalm 34:18).

The world was a better place with you in it, but we know you are patiently waiting for us-until we meet again...

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, August 18 at 6 pm at Cedar Fork Cemetery with a Celebration of Life to follow at the Cedar Fork Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm. Prayer by Rev. Bobby Pettitt and poem recited by Clay Gibby. The family request that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the charity of your choice. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, is in charge of all the arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Fork Baptist Church Cemetery

Philidelphia, TN

Previous Events

Interment

AUG 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Fork Baptist Church Cemetery
1780 Sweetwater Rd
Philadelphia, TN 37846

Celebration of Life

AUG 18. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandi Burnette - October 20, 2019 at 09:13 AM

SB

“ Will never stop missing you until we're together again.



Sandi Burnette - October 20, 2019 at 09:04 AM

WB

“ Wanda Bivens lit a candle in memory of James Marvin Burnette



Wanda Bivens - August 15, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kyker Funeral Home - August 18, 2016 at 09:07 AM



Carmen Zamora

“ I have so many memories of my dad... some good, some bad, but the good ones definitely stick out when I think of him. I remember how good of cook he always thought he was... he would always get so happy about how good his food tasted. Mom would give him a hard time about over cooking her hamburgers because she liked them still moo'ing! I remember him crying when he gave me away at my wedding. I remember the sweet one on one talk we had before he walked me down the isle. I remember him always telling to make sure I kept my credit score in good shape. I wish I would've listened to him. I remember how hard he worked to support all of us. When he wasn't working or traveling for his job, he was home working in the yard or obsessing about how unorganized the canned food was in the cabinets...lol! He was always funny and I loved how his eyes disappeared when he smiled. I wish I would've had the chance to tell him I loved him one last time. I'm sorry I didn't. I love you Daddy.

Carmen Zamora - August 18, 2016 at 04:08 AM

SS

“ *Continued Prayers of God's Speed of Peace to Come ~
Susan Shultz*

Susan Shultz - August 17, 2016 at 07:27 AM

EN

“ *Eddy Neeley super nice guy and very good friend he will be missed
in the utility world my God be with his family through this time of
sadness*

Eddy Neeley - August 17, 2016 at 05:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of James Marvin Burnette.*



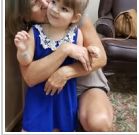
August 16, 2016 at 07:19 PM

DC

“ *Dale, Ron, Ronnie, Matt, Kayla & Chelsea
purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for
the family of James Marvin Burnette.*



Dale, Ron, Ronnie, Matt, Kayla & Chelsea - August 16, 2016 at
12:23 PM



“ I don't remember Marvin well as I haven't saw this beloved family for many years now. However I do remember visits to Uncle Elmer's and Aunt Estelle's very fondly. It was always such a happy place. I will be praying for all of you to find peace in the memories Marvin left to you. Love and prayers Gail Burnette Johnson

Gail Johnson - August 15, 2016 at 09:58 PM

ML

“ To all of the Burnette family, I'm sorry for your loss! I know he was an important person to our family and the few memories I have are only pleasant. Which is a reminder that we don't always have many times to make an impression on a person in this life. So let them be good ones! Thanks Marvin for being a smile all those few times this little girl was in your presence. Love, Misty Lewis

Misty Lewis - August 15, 2016 at 03:11 PM

LB

“ When we were little kids, Sue and I called him Bobby. I don't know if we couldn't say Marvin or why we called him that. He and Tommy called Daddy "Da" and so we did too. So, here's to "Bobby" and "Da"....two of the finest men this world will ever know. Both of them knew how to love and live sacrificially. Both of them loved their family. Both of them loved the Lord. Both of them took responsibility very seriously. And both of them are now in the very presence of a Holy God. I long to see them again, and have eternity to share what time and distance did not allow. You earned those angel wings, Marvin. I hope you knew how much I loved and respected you.



Louise Burnette Barnes - August 15, 2016 at 08:25 AM



Louise Barnes

Miss you more than ever.

Louise Barnes - August 15, 2017 at 04:45 PM

MK

“ *Marvin was a great guy he will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family. Marie King Geschwind Consignment*

Marie King - August 15, 2016 at 07:44 AM

DR

“ *My heart breaks as I think of all the wasted years that Marvin and I have been distant due to living in different states. We were like brothers when we lived in Tennessee. We spent a lot of time together, shared the good, the bad and ugly of our lives, but as with life we get caught up with our own and don't stay in contact as we should with the people that really mean something to us and we love. I will always love you as a brother and am happy for you as the Lord is who says, He delights in the death of his saints. For Sandi and the family I pray for God's strength for all, that you would find the same strength that Marvin had in the Lord. The Lord is our peace, joy, love and comfort when no one else is.*

Love and prayers,

Donnie & Glenda Robinson

Donnie & Glenda Robinson - August 14, 2016 at 05:26 PM

SB

It was a comfort talking to you today. We miss you. Sandi

sandi burnette - August 14, 2016 at 07:03 PM

CC

“ *Marvin was one of the nicest people I knew! He was always a kind & caring person. He will be missed dearly by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. My prayers are with his beautiful family as they find peace that passes all understanding.*

Chris Lanham Courtney - August 14, 2016 at 01:20 PM

GC

“ *Knowing Marvin and growing up just over the hill , attending church at Cedar Fork, let's not forget Ole Luttrell School, or Loudon High School. We may have lost touch as years came flooding pass. But memories will last a life time--these are what GOD give you to comfort in sad times. Smiles and laughter will carry you through.*

GARY & JUANITA JOHNSTON COOK - August 13, 2016 at 06:36 PM

BF

“ *We didn't know Marvin but Vivian requested prayer for him each week at Church and we are so sorry for your loss. Mt Carmel U.M.C. Mosheim Tn*

Barbara Frye - August 13, 2016 at 03:54 PM

TC

“ *I cannot tell you how many years I've known Marvin, but I can tell you that he was always the best guy in the room. Always a gentlemen and fun to be around. Heaven is richer.*

Tim Carey - August 13, 2016 at 03:50 PM

VF

Amen,.Tim!

Vanessa Burnette Francis - August 15, 2016 at 06:40 PM

MF

“ I have so many memories of Marvelous, but a couple of my favorites follow...
The night that we were all together on a double date . Don't remember where or why, Just remember Marvin singing 'Chantilly Lace" to Sandi...her pretty face was purple.
Then I will never forget that he made me one last bowl of potato salad 3 years ago when I had breast cancer and he was in the beginnings of his 3 year battle. You all brought it down the mountain to me in Walland and I tried to eat it all, but my kids found it.
Lots of memories from our years of camping together as we sat around the campfire late at night. Memories of laying hardwood floors together in your house that you built. Stocking shelves in the grocery store together. Always laughing, laughing and laughing.
Until we see him again, I will miss that laugh, but I will not mourn as those who have no hope . Thank God for the Blessed Hope.

martha farley - August 13, 2016 at 08:32 AM

SB

I so love those memories and I love you both! Thank you for making me smile as only you can!

Sandi Burnette - August 13, 2016 at 06:32 PM

NP

“ So sorry for your loss...With Sympathy
Richard and Nancy Plemmons



Nancy Plemmons - August 13, 2016 at 06:49 AM

NP

“ Nancy Plemmons lit a candle in memory of James Marvin Burnette



Nancy Plemmons - August 13, 2016 at 06:47 AM

VK

“ I have such wonderful memories of growing up with Marvin at Cedar Fork. He was always sweet, kind and such a wonderful friend. Sweet memories of a precious friend.

VIVIAN HOWARD KITTLE - August 12, 2016 at 10:40 PM

TT

“ So sad and heartbroken that Marvin is no longer with us. His smile could always brighten your day. I'm thankful I had the privilege to get to know him. All the family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven is rejoicing with him now...he is home.

Tammy Guyer Tanzi - August 12, 2016 at 08:03 PM

'M

“ Thoughts and prayers with family. Thankful you'll see Marvin again in Heaven.

'Nette Moore - August 12, 2016 at 06:58 PM

BP

I'm sure going to miss Brother Mavin answering the phone " Piggy Wiggly " we have had a lot of fun with that !

Buddy Peshoff - August 13, 2016 at 10:07 AM

SB

Oh my! What fun he had with you! You made him laugh when no one could!

Sandi Burnette - August 13, 2016 at 06:35 PM