



## Robert Sunny Burks Sr.

April 21, 1932 - May 3, 2016

It is with a sad heart that we lost Robert Wesley "Sunny" Burks Sr., 84, of Winchester, on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Winchester Medical Center.

He was born April 21, 1932 in Winchester, VA the son of Mary C. Burks.

He was married to Shirley H. Burks for 54 years.

Mr. Burks served in the Korean War for the U.S. Army. He later worked for the Postal Service and then went on to serve on the Board of Directors and Administration for Orrick Cemetery. He was the Commissioner of little league baseball as well as the little league baseball, football and special needs coach. He was an umpire and a lifetime member of the South End Fire Hall. He was a devoted husband, father and community friend, and will be remembered for his charm, determined spirit and loving heart.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Robert W. Burks Jr., Donald A. Burks, Timothy E. Burks, Selena M. Burks, Linda R. Burks all of Winchester and Lisa M. Burks of Waldorf, MD; one brother, David Burks of Winchester and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A brother Jack Burks, is deceased.

A celebration of life, graveside service will be Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in Orrick Cemetery, 501 S. Braddock Street, Winchester with Reverend Floyd Coates officiating.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *it's been 6 years and i miss you. I've seen your signs, I love you <3*

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**chelsea Burks** - March 18, 2023 at 08:39 AM

MI

“ *A Special Smile, A Special Face,  
In our Hearts, A Special Place  
Memories are a gift to Treasure  
Ours of you "Sunny" will last Forever.....  
It is with a very heavy heart that I send this condolence. Sunny was  
such a bright & cheerful light for my children, his grand children  
(Robert Wesley, III, & Louise Burks). There are no words that can  
express the level of grief we have for the loss of Sunny.....May his  
light continue to shine.....The Florida Burks family.....*

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**Michelle** - May 20, 2016 at 06:39 AM

TV

“ *Sonny was my mailman for many years & we developed a close friendship. He always greeted me with a smile. He was the best mailman I ever had, sharing many stories together. He never complained. He was a friend, that I shall never forget. Wednesday`s were always a burden for him, because of the overload of JUNK mail, he had to carry, so needless to say, that was not his favorite day We shared many stories together. He always brought a big smile to my face. May you have Eternal rest now Sonny. If anyone deserves the very best Heaven can offer anyone, it certainly is you, without a shadow of a doubt. We always made Wednesday`s a special day ! God Bless Your Soul, Sonny Burk. You brought many smiles to your many friends, not just their mail. God grant you ETERNAL PEACE !*

*May we meet again.....Your Forever Friend, Tom Vassallo,  
Winchester, Va.*

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**Tom Vassallo** - May 15, 2016 at 07:54 PM

VS

“ *Praying for our family. I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Uncle Sonny. Praying for peace, comfort, and strength. Lord wrap your loving arms around each and everyone of his children and Aunt Shirley. Rest in peace Uncle Sonny. You will never be forgotten!*

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**Valencia Stultz(Punkin)** - May 13, 2016 at 04:30 PM

RW

“ *We were so sorry to hear about sunny. We will always remember his smile. So sorry for your loss. God Bless!*

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**Robin & Penny Washington** - May 13, 2016 at 01:40 PM

GM

“ Prayers being sent to our family. Praying for healing and strength.

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**Glen and Carolyn Mathes** - May 13, 2016 at 12:18 PM

RJ

“ My prayers and condolences also go out to Rick Medley who was also Robert's son. God will see you and your siblings through this difficult time. You are not alone.

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**Rosina Johnson** - May 12, 2016 at 02:48 PM

RJ

“ My condolences to the family in addition to Michael Robinson who was also his son. Prayers of healing for all.

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**Rosina Johnson** - May 12, 2016 at 01:34 PM

DE

“ A great fellow - never saw him without a smile on his face. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Denise Everly** - May 12, 2016 at 07:14 AM

LB

“ I have never been speechless. But the loss of my father has truly made me speechless.

*My dad was definitely one of a kind. I don't know anybody he walked away from that wasn't laughing. He loved to make people laugh. He loved to help others. He was a servant of God and a servant to the community. He would go to work every morning, delivering mail (walking) on the longest route in Winchester. Then he would come home and change and go right back out and coach, umpire, etc.*

*He attended church all his life. He was on the choir and he was part of a men's gospel quartet. He absolutely loved to sing. His favorite song was "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power". He loved the Lord.*

*Dad also loved football. His favorite team was the Dallas Cowboys. He referred to them as "America's Team". Nobody could tell him anything about HIS Cowboys. It was a pain watching a Cowboys and Redskins game with him since he was a die-hard Dallas fan and I was a die-hard Redskins fan!!!*

*I'm going to miss Dad. He taught me and my boys so much. He was so much fun to be around. Thanks to everyone for your condolences.*

*We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8*

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**Lisa Burks Byrd** - May 10, 2016 at 12:03 PM

EV

“ I wanted to express my condolences for your precious loss. In reading Robert's life journey, it is evident he was a caring, devoted person who impacted the lives of many and touched the hearts of those he loved. Something that has helped many to cope with the death of a love one, is knowing how much compassion Jesus has for the pain of others. He expressed it when he was moved with pity and wept after seeing the tears of someone suffering (Luke 7:12-15). This Bible account gives us a wonderful hope of the resurrection of our love ones. Also, God promises the tears of loss we shed today, will be removed forever (Revelation 21:3-4). I hope you find comfort in these wonderful promises from God.

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**Evelyn** - May 10, 2016 at 08:32 AM

SP

“ I will always remember Mr. Burks as being a wonderful person and the best coach that I ever had. He was more than a coach by instilling hard work ethic and fairness.

Years later after the days of the moose pony league baseball team I played a lot of softball and Mr. Burks would sometimes umpire our games. I would hit the ball over the fence and Mr. Burks would be standing there with the catcher as I crossed home plate and he would ask "Who taught you how to hit a ball like that boy" and I would always answer ... You'd did Mr. Burks. He would get a big smile on his face and talk to the catcher. It always made my day too for he will always have a special place in my heart. I can only imagine the lives that Mr. Burks touched over the years for he was always out and about in the community.

*God Bless Him and All of the Family*

*Stan "Bud" Paskel*

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**Stan "Bud" Paskel** - May 10, 2016 at 08:06 AM

KM

“ I would like to give my dearest friend Lisa Byrd and The Burks family my condolences. I pray that God will continue to give you the strength and peace. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With the love of Christ from the Morgan Family of Lexington Park MD.

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**Keisha Morgan** - May 09, 2016 at 07:29 PM

SS

“ Our family is sorry to hear of the passing of "Sunny" . He had influence on all of us as his honest spirit in dealing with the coaching of our son's little league baseball in Winchester. You could count on Sunny being fair and concerned with treating the situation compassionately and proper.  
God's blessings to the family as they continue in life without Sunny, but rely on the fond memories he leaves behind.  
Truly yours,  
The Stan Paskel Sr. Family

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**Stan Paskel Sr.** - May 09, 2016 at 02:33 PM

CB

“ Uncle Sonny had a kind heart and he was full of charm. On behalf of the family of Jack F. Burks Sr, in Martinsburg, WV we express our condolences for his loss. May God continue to bless and keep Sonny's family in his care during this time.

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**Cynthia A. Burks** - May 09, 2016 at 08:00 AM

TP

“ *Lisa Burks Byrd and Family,*

*Please accept our sincerest condolences with the passing of your Dad and Granddad from this life into eternal life. The Byrd and Burks families will be in our prayers today and in the weeks to come. Tom & Theresa Peoples*

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**Theresa Peoples** - May 07, 2016 at 01:29 PM

DB

“ *love to our family god bless . dennis and ella burks*

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**dennis burks** - May 06, 2016 at 10:21 PM