



Dr. Matthew Lynwood Burns

December 25, 1934 - November 28, 2013

Dr. Matthew L. Burns, 78, went to meet his maker after a long illness. He died Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2013 at his home in Newnan. Dr. Burns was the last of six children born Christmas Day 1934 in Lake City, FL to the late William James Burns & Annie Lewis Burns.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Pat Brusky Burns; daughter, Jennifer Burns Barber & her husband David, her son Michael and David's children David, Jr., Jimmy, and Mary; son, Matthew "Buddy" Burns & his wife Annette, and their children Matthew III, McCullough, Hays, & Branch; daughter, Julie Burns Richards and her children, Genevieve and Adam; sister, Mildred Zalinski of Orange Park, FL; brother, Robert Lewis Burns of Marietta, GA.

Dr. Matt graduated from LSU where he played football all four years. He went on to Emory University Medical School, intern, and residency sponsored by the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Lt. Col. He and his family moved to Newnan in 1972 when he began practicing medicine at Papp Clinic. When an old football injury began to compromise his surgical skills he went on to work for the State of Georgia as a consultant for the licensing board for hospitals and physicians. He finished his career as the first Medical Director of Piedmont Fayette Hospital. He loved his family, football, hunting and fishing but he especially loved being a Physician. Medicine was his life and Papp Clinic his home away from home. His life was good, he often said he would do ALL of it over again. The family thanks Amedisys Hospice for the care given to both them and Dr. Burns.

Condolences can be sent online at www.mckoon.com

The memorial Mass is Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 11 a.m. at St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Rd, Newnan with Father Henry Atem & Dr. Harry Barrow officiating. The family will greet friends at the church following the memorial mass. There will be a private family interment at Oak Hill Cemetery. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to either the Coweta Samaritan Clinic, P.O. Box 963, Newnan, GA 30264 or to The Heritage School, 2093 Highway 29 North, Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Service

DEC 3, 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

CI

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Burns. You all will be in my prayers for peace and comfort. He was a super person and wonderful physician. (I worked at PAPP clinic in the '70's.)

Cindy - December 08, 2013 at 09:26 PM

EL

“ Miss Pat, Edward joins me in sending our deepest sympathy to your family and you. I remember so well our first meeting. You and Dr. Matt took "Raffle" getting me out of some trouble with Susie and Papa. That help continues even today. I will miss Dr. Matt.

Emeline and Edward Loughlin - December 05, 2013 at 11:25 PM

BC

“ Dear Buddy, I have great memories of the times I spent at the hunting lodge with you, Matt and my dad. I remember coming back to the lodge so excited after I shot my first deer. And Matt drove me out to the food plot to pick it up in his truck. You may not know this, but Matt also helped guide me towards a career in real estate and investments. I now do real estate valuation work as a property tax consultant. And I'm working on building my own investment company. I'm grateful that I had the chance to spend time with him. He's definitely a role model for me. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family during this difficult time. Warm regards, Brian Coker

Brian Coker - December 05, 2013 at 01:16 AM

FH

“ Pat what a well planned service I thought everything was perfect. It was beautiful your family was great. Matt would have been proud. Glad to be counted as one of Matt friend. Always, Frank

frank hollberg - December 04, 2013 at 03:43 PM

PA

Mrs Burns I worked with Dr Burns at Newnan Hospital.I never felt good being a black women nurse in local hospital.Dr Burns took care of my brother who lived with me our parents died I raised him.Dr Burns did surgery on him and didn't change me ,he knew my position.He always gave me good advice and a bundle of emotion support.I was so hurt I saw him and Dr Eaton at Sprayberry and he didn't remember me.I was crushed because you see he gave me strength and he was a wonderful white boy to me.God blessings to you.I know you are a wonderful person because of how I knew him God blessings to your family Patricia Calhoun

patriciadcalhoun - October 28, 2020 at 08:31 PM

DW

“ Buddy, Julie and Family - My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your Dad was and will always be such a great example to live by. I am honored to have known such a great man. God bless.

Doug Weston - December 03, 2013 at 03:24 PM

KB

“ My love and prayers to you all. Dr. Burns held a special place in my heart. He gave me my very first job after graduation. I learned so much from him about medicine, but even more, compassion and treating people fairly. Income, social status, and difficult personalities were treated with the same wonderful care. I am blessed to have had his influence in my life.

Kate Bohannon - December 03, 2013 at 08:44 AM

SH

“ Burns Family, Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please know we have many fond memories of Dr. Matt.

Susan & Hadley Heindel - December 03, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JW

“ Miss Pat and family, I was sorry to hear of Dr. Burns' passing. Thinking of you all.

Jennifer Welch - December 03, 2013 at 07:21 AM

WR

“ Part and family, Mary and I are so sorry to hear of Uncle Matt's death. He lived a wonderful Life and will be rewarded in heaven. God bless, Warren

Warren Rhyner - December 02, 2013 at 08:07 PM

FH

“ Dear Pat, Bonnie and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Matt, he was a good friend and a great Doctor. He will missed by all but especially the good friends of the ROMEO'S Frank

Frank Hollberg - December 02, 2013 at 03:00 PM

MC

“ Miss Pat and family, I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Burns. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed visiting with y'all when I could. May God bless you all.

Mike Cornay - December 01, 2013 at 07:46 PM

DS

“ Dear Pat, Julie, Buddy, and Jennifer, It was with sadness when I read tonight that Matt had passed away. I have many fond memories of all of you from Heritage and when all the children were riding horses. May God give you comfort during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Dawn Sosby

Dawn Sosby - December 01, 2013 at 06:27 PM

MG

“ I will cherish the good times working on the farm, hunting, fishing and listening to Dr. Matt's life stories. He was a great man, neighbor, and Doctor that will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers for his Family. Michael Garner and Family

Mike Garner - December 01, 2013 at 11:17 AM

RM

“ Pat, we are so sorry to about Dr. Burns our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most trying times. God Bless You All, Ray

Ray McKnight - December 01, 2013 at 09:42 AM

KG

“ My heart aches for all of you , Pat. Matt was a wonderful man and my Wallace loved the two of you so much. You and your children are in my prayers. I love you. Kay

Kay Glover - November 30, 2013 at 10:58 PM

RL

“ Sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Burns, he was always kind and gentle to my family when we moved to Newnan, in 1975 Please to know that all of the family is in our Prayers

Rev. Dwight L.Moody - November 30, 2013 at 08:46 PM

DJ

“ Dear Pat and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Burns' passing. We thought a lots of him and his Family. He was a good person and Doctor. He will be missed by all. May God give you and your Family peace, love and understanding during this difficult time. God loves you and we do too, Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - November 30, 2013 at 02:59 PM

GG

“ I am shocked and sorry to hear of Matt's passing. I have fond memories of the Burns family when we lived in Newnan. In addition I will always be grateful to him for the surgery he successfully preformed on Tamara's leg. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Gil Gilbert

Gil Gilbert - November 30, 2013 at 01:38 PM

CB

“ Pat and family, Was so sorry to see about Dr. Matt I the paper today. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during the days ahead. Love ,Carolyn

Carolyn Bowers - November 30, 2013 at 10:51 AM

HN

“ Pat and family, Rochelle and I are so sorry to hear abott the passing of Dr. Matt. You know about Rochelle's illiness which makes it very hard for her to get out of the house. I am not sure I will be able to get to the church but she wanted to let you know that all of you are in our prayers . Love HershakII Rochelle

HershakII and Rochelle Norred - November 30, 2013 at 10:08 AM

JB

“ We have lots of great memories of Matt and Pat. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Love you, Tom & Judy

Judy Burmeister - November 30, 2013 at 08:11 AM

NF

“ As a nurse working in the emergency room on the 11PM-7Am shift, I had the opportunity to witness, not only the expertise, but the compassion of Dr. Burns. He was a gifted surgeon and it was so obvious that he was doing exactly what he was meant to do and many people benefitted from it. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Nell Floyd - November 29, 2013 at 08:27 PM

J.

“ It is with a said heart that I hear of the passing of Dr. Burns. He, and the good Lord are the only reason that I walk today after a severe auto accident in 1974. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
J. L. Ferrell

J.L.Ferrell - November 29, 2013 at 07:42 PM

KB

“ Buddy and Family, So sorry to hear about Dr. Burns. I have fond memories of working with him during my Coweta General Hospital days. He was a great Doctor and be proud of the legacy he leaves behind. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Kathy Barnett - November 29, 2013 at 07:20 PM

VP

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Matt. Thinking of you all at this time.

Vanessa Parker - November 28, 2013 at 01:03 PM

LW

“ I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DR. MATT. HE WAS AN EXCELLENT SURGEON & A WONDERFUL FAMILY MAN. MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO THE BURNS FAMILY/
SINCERELY, LINDA WASSENBERG

LINDA WASSENBERG - November 28, 2013 at 12:16 PM