



Spurgeon Burnett Lilly

July 11, 1939 - April 18, 2024

Spurgeon Burnett Lilly, 84, of Waldorf Maryland, passed April 18th, 2024. He was born on July 11th, 1939 to Clowney Spurgeon and Reba (Akers) Lilly in Dunns, West Virginia.

Spurgeon attended Spanishburg High School in Princeton, WV, and spent 9 years in the US Air Force serving in Wyoming, South Korea, and West Germany. After the Air Force, Spurgeon, nicknamed Whitey for his platinum blond hair, worked for Bendix Engineering supporting NASA's Apollo space missions while also earning his Associate Degree from Charles County Community College, now College of Southern Maryland. He then transferred his talents to the Federal Government working at ACTION Agency, Peace Corps, and the US Agency for International Development. Whitey was known for his joie de vivre, quick wit and unique sense of humor throughout his long career and well beyond. If only we could remember all of his jokes.

Whitey enjoyed golf with his wife Marian and his Hawthorne Country Club, La Plata, "Blitz" Buddies; he enjoyed caring for his lawn, and loved time with his family and grandchildren.

Along with his parents he is predeceased by his sister Evelyn. He is survived by his sister Velma Blankenship, loving wife Marian Cody, his son Chris, his daughters Sarah and Rebecca, grandchildren Zachary, Callum, Leyla and Adam, and great grandchildren Jack and Julia.

A memorial mass will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 11 AM in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pomfret with interment to follow.

In Lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made to St. Josephs Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery

4590 St. Joseph's Way
Pomfret, MD 20675
<http://stjoepomfret.weconnect.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
4590 St. Joseph Way
Pomfret, MD 20675

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Mike, Tesa and Keisha purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Spurgeon Burnett Lilly.



Mike, Tesa and Keisha - June 10, 2024 at 12:12 PM

MC

“ Mark and Trish Clemons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Spurgeon Burnett Lilly.

Mark and Trish Clemons - June 10, 2024 at 10:32 AM

MC

“ Mark and Trish Clemons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Spurgeon Burnett Lilly.



Mark and Trish Clemons - June 10, 2024 at 10:32 AM

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“ The Lilly's (C,D,Z,A,J&J) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Spurgeon Burnett Lilly.



The Lilly's (C,D,Z,A,J&J) - June 10, 2024 at 08:25 AM

EF

“ *Earl Lilly & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Spurgeon Burnett Lilly.*



Earl Lilly & Family - June 07, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Spurgeon Burnett Lilly.*



May 19, 2024 at 11:12 AM

SB

“ *Losing someone like Whitey who brought laughter and joy into our lives can leave a profound void. In these moments, words often fail to capture the depth of our feelings, but we can find solace in the memories of the smiles and laughter he gifted us. Whitey's unique sense of humor and the happiness he spread is a beautiful legacy that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. May you find comfort in knowing that while he may have departed from this world, the joy he created will always remain a part of us. Whitey's was a life well-lived, full of moments that will be cherished forever. Jeanette and I will never forget him.*

Stan Buch - April 26, 2024 at 08:50 AM

LS

“ *My Husband and a few more of Whitys Air Force buddies reunited after 25 some odd years...and The Friendship was still strong...
Yes.... It appears they picked up from so many years apart.. the Wife's were new to That "Old Gang of Mine"...the Wife's sat back And listened to their stories... and the Men looked like they just woke up on Christmas Morning ... it was a scene to Remember... which we will all remember...it was a gift by a chance meeting.... And yes ... it will still go on
Yes Whity brought... his offering to the Table Which still can put a smile on our Face...An Office and Gentleman and fun loving...Thanks Whity ...for the friendship..and getting to meet ur Family.... And the cherished Memories... Hope u get a round of Golf up there
Louise & Scatman*

louise Scatuto - April 25, 2024 at 04:05 PM

JS

*One of my best friends, played a lot of golf with Whitey, had lots of fun and laughs.
We shared many jokes and stories, he made me laugh so many times. Years ago Whitey worked at a liquor store where I bought a few drinks from him, back in the 60's.
Whitey is one of a kind/gentleman and will truly be missed but not forgotten. Get that hole-in-one up there for me.
See you later pal/old friend.*

John SanLuis - April 26, 2024 at 05:16 PM