



Dr. Deland J. Burns

December 6, 1926 - April 11, 2016

Dr. Deland J. Burns, age 89, went to his reward peacefully, on April 11th, 2016 in his rural Bourbonnais home in the company of his loving family. Beloved husband of Diana, nee Ofinowicz-Dunn; loving father of Dr. Steve (Susan) Burns of Kankakee, IL, Jeanne (Fred) Capriotti of Bourbonnais, IL, Robert (Judy) Burns of Downers Grove, IL, Anna Burns of Deerfield, IL, Patricia (Mike) Letton of Custer Park, IL, Bonnie (Bill) Bodemer of Bourbonnais, IL, Thomas (Montse) Burns of Celra, Catalonia, Spain, Andrew (Dianna) Burns of Henderson, NV and Megan (and the late Mike) Hoskins of Bourbonnais, IL; proud grandfather of Laurie, Brian, Tony, Clara, Jimmy, Kevin, Kyle, Me-lei, Michael, Drew, Kristen, Lauren, Caitlin, Dylan, Breanna, Luke, Bela and Emma; great-grandfather of Kaylee, Damien, Rosalee and Josilynn; survived by brothers Dr. William Burns of Kankakee, IL, and Judge Patrick Burns of St. Anne, IL; preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Thomas Burns, Anne Kaineg, John Burns, Dr. James (Mac) Burns, Catherine Brinkman, Dr. Robert Burns, Joanne Fischer.

Dr. Burns was born December 6th, 1926 of Annie Laurie Gernon Burns and Judge James Thomas Burns. Deland attended Saint Patrick's Grade School and Kankakee High School, graduating in 1944. He joined the Navy in 1944 and served on a PT Boat toward the end of WW II. After leaving the service, he attended Saint Ambrose College in Davenport Iowa, then attended medical school at Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Chicago, graduating in 1954. Deland met his wife Diana, a nurse, whilst interning at Los

Angeles County General Hospital, marrying her on November 12th 1955 in Whittier, CA. He then set up General Practice in Whittier, California after which he pursued a residency in pathology beginning at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and completing at Harbor General Hospital, UCLA. He returned home to Kankakee in 1964 and practiced pathology at Riverside Hospital for a number of years. After attending University of Chicago as a resident in Ophthalmology from 1968-1971, Deland set up a long running Ophthalmology practice with offices in Watseka, Kankakee and Bourbonnais, retiring in 2011. He was one of the founders of the Kankakee County Health Department. An avid outdoorsman, enjoyed skiing, sailing, swimming, windsurfing and running. But most of all, he enjoyed the quiet life of a country gentlemen, managing his property on Davis Creek in Bourbonnais. He was a mentor and teacher to all and will be missed dearly.

Visitation will be at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais from 4-8pm on Thursday, April 14th 2016. There will be a funeral mass on Friday, April 15th at Maternity BVM Church, Bourbonnais, IL at 11am. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to Maternity BVM Church. Interment will be held at Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais, IL.

Memorials may be made for Hospice of Kankakee Valley - www.hkvcares.org or to Maternity BVM Church - www.mbvchurch.org

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham
Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

APR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Dr. Steve Burns, Wanted to send my sympathy to you and your family. Dr. Deland was my doctor in Watseka & Kankakee for many years. Also saw him many times and talked with him when he would come into Kaper Hardware in Watseka.

Nancy Janssen Watseka II - April 16, 2016 at 02:03 PM

BS

“ Deepest sympathy to your family at this time. I went to EIU with Tom and Andrew. When I first met Dr. Burns I could tell immediately where Tom and Andrew got their great sense of humor. Very sorry for your loss.

Brett Sadler

Brett Sadler - April 15, 2016 at 12:37 PM

DS

“ I am sending my deepest condolences to your family in the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. He truly was a remarkable man who shared his life not only with his family, but to his patients and community. He will definitely be missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Diane Siaroff

Diane Siaroff - April 15, 2016 at 10:51 AM

TL

Dr Burns was a great Dr my kids had to get glasses and the glasses they wanted wasn't in my budget Dr Burns stated let the children have the glasses they're going to wear. His point was if they weren't going to were the glasses that they did not like. For that I will always be grateful for his generosity. Rest in the arms of the Almighty...

Terry Wilson Lloyd - April 27, 2016 at 07:25 PM

PG

“ I grew up knowing the entire Burn family. Deland was a wonderful father and husband. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Polly Green - April 15, 2016 at 06:07 AM

TL

“ My condolences to the Burns family. I had the pleasure of working for him as an optician in his office when I was young. Patty and Bonnie were both working there then. They treated me like family and welcomed me into their home. A truly good hearted man and family.

Tina Laws

Tona Laws - April 14, 2016 at 08:04 PM

JK

“ Jim and May Kelly purchased the California Healthy for the family of Dr. Deland J. Burns.



Jim and May Kelly - April 13, 2016 at 10:44 PM

MK

“ My condolences to the Burns Family. Dr. Burns was a great person! I had always enjoyed his company. I have missed him ever since we moved away. This is shocking to see he has reported to Heaven. I recall the days of volleyball at the 'Y', and swimming laps next to him and meeting all his children. He was always inclusive and so much fun. What a great man he was! May he rest in peace.

May Kelly - April 13, 2016 at 09:32 PM

BD

“ When I worked in surgery at Riverside, in the early years, Dr. Burns our pathologist, would join us for coffee in our lounge. His humor got us through many a long day. He loved his family and friends and he will be missed.

Betty Decker - April 13, 2016 at 04:25 PM

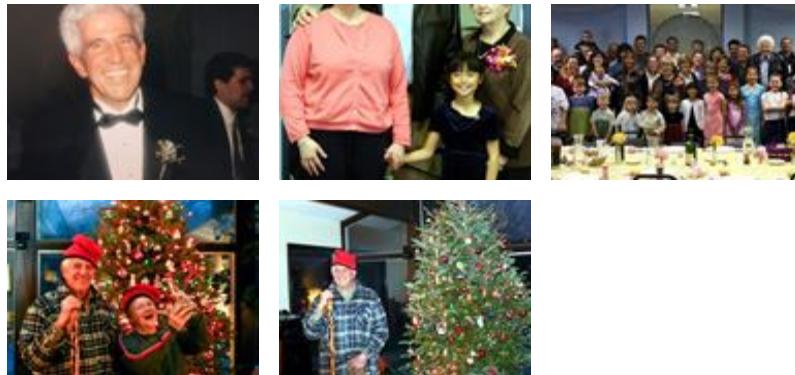


“ I went through school with Anna and know many of the family. I went to Dr Burns a few years. He was a wonderful doctor and a fun man to be around. He LOVED all his family very much. May the Burns family receive peace and comfort

Steve McCabe - April 13, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes

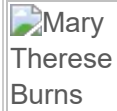


Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - April 13, 2016 at 01:00 PM

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“ Condolences to the family. Dr Burns was my daughter's doctor when she was born 37 years ago and took great care of her when she had to have numerous surgeries on her eyes at a very young age. A very caring man. So sorry for your loss.

Lynne Ohrt - April 13, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *Deland will always be in my heart for the warm, caring, witty, guiding presence he was, to him I shall always be grateful as a mentor, a guide and truly, a gentleman, who will be sorely missed by many. All my love goes to Dianne and the family in this sad moment,*

-Mary Therese and Wolfango - Rome, Italy

Mary Therese Burns - April 13, 2016 at 08:05 AM



“ *California Healthy was purchased for the family of Dr. Deland J. Burns.*



April 13, 2016 at 07:07 AM