



Wendell H. Burtner

November 10, 2021

Wendell Harmon Burtner

Chili - Passed away November 10, 2021 at the age of 96.

Wendell was born October 11, 1925, in Butler Pennsylvania and was fourteenth of seventeen children. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend . Wendell retired from Eastman Kodak as an electrician and was a Shrine Clown for over twenty- five years. He was a devoted member of Gates Presbyterian Church.

Wendell enjoyed spending time with family and friends, clowning, gardening, and church fellowship. As “Windy”, a Shrine clown, he participated in the Shrine Circus for many years as well as clowning at many birthday parties, family reunions, Chili Senior events, and visits to children at Strong Memorial Hospital. Wendell honorably served in the United States Army.

Wendell was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Marjorie Christie Burtner, his parents Forest and Mary Lena Burtner, by 9 brothers, 9 sisters-in-law and 5 sisters and 4 brothers-in-law, and by his special friend Lucinda (Cindy) Price.

Wendell is survived by his five children; Robert (Kathleen) Burtner, Sharon Montgomery, Kevin (Laurie) Burtner, Patricia (Edward/Rip) Collins, and Barbara Tuccio; by his ten grandchildren; Elizabeth (Michael) Schuurman, Kathryn Burtner, Jennifer (Robert) Loewke, Brooke (Tony Bissanti) Mitchell, Kelly (Henry/Joe) Thomas, Lindsay (Andrew) Mindler, Michael (Alicia) Collins, Jason (Katie) Tuccio, Melissa and Nichole Tuccio, by his eight great grandchildren; Eliot and Anneke Schuurman, Brittany Mitchell, Cole Loewke, Trevor Bissanti, Taylor Faugh, Kyler and Liam Thomas, Lincoln Mindler, and Sophie Tuccio, his brother Harry Burtner and sister Marilyn Glasgow both of Butler Pennsylvania, sisters-in-law Jane and Freda Burtner, and by many nieces and nephews.

Many thanks to the loving and caring staff at GrandeVille Memory Care.

Friends may call on Tuesday, November 16th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home, 2771 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624.

Services will be held Wednesday, November 17th at 11:00 am at Parkminster Presbyterian Church, 2710 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Gates Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home

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Funeral Service

NOV **17.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Parkminster Presbyterian Church

2710 Chili Ave.

Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

SH

“ I grew up across the street from this wonderful man who was always friendly and kind. My children also had the privilege of growing up knowing him as Mr Clown. God's peace be with all of you and know He is walking beside you. Sherru

Sherry - November 16, 2021 at 03:52 PM

SM

Thank you for the kind words Sherry. We were blessed with good neighbors like you and your family!

Sharon Montgomery - November 19, 2021 at 09:22 AM

GA

“ I and my sister grew up being neighbors to the Burtners. Wendell was a wonderful soft spoken and meek man. Full trust was with him and a hand shake was his word. Prayers and good memories to all of you - Bob, Sharon, Kevin, Patty and Barb Living next to your wonderful family was like living next to the "Waltons". Always Gary

Gary - November 16, 2021 at 03:35 PM

SM

Thank you Gary for your remembrance of my Dad and it felt like I was part of the "Waltons" at times. We always enjoyed fun times with your family!

Sharon Montgomery - November 19, 2021 at 09:25 AM



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Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - November 16, 2021 at 08:57 AM

TI

“ Wendell Burtner. My memories of "Mr. Burtner" and the whole Burtner family go back to my earliest childhood. Growing up 2 doors down, my sisters and myself friends with all the Burtner kids. Couldn't wait to be invited to go swimming in the Burtner's pool! We'd have big kick-ball games in my parents yard (every body move back when Kevin or Michael Genovese was up to kick) Sledding together.... Good memories. I am sorry for the loss of your father. Tim

Tim - November 14, 2021 at 11:44 AM

PA

Thanks, Tim.
Patty

Patricia - November 14, 2021 at 05:41 PM

PA

Thanks, Tim

Patricia - November 14, 2021 at 05:42 PM

PM

I haven't seen Wendell in many years but will never forget time spent with this great man while in the Damascus Shrine Clowns. Rest in peace my friend- Pasquale The Clown

Pat Monaco - November 15, 2021 at 08:37 AM

NH

Uncle Wendell enjoyed bringing happiness to children and adults. His "clowning around" at the Burtner family reunions have been missed the last few years. Bet he is bringing joy to those in heaven.

Nancy (Burtner) Heberling - November 15, 2021 at 11:42 AM

BA

Thank you, Tim, we really did have some great kickball games! I'll always remember your Dad and Grandpa playing guitars.

Barb - November 15, 2021 at 05:52 PM

LB

I met Wendell at Gates Presbyterian Church. He usually sat in the row behind me and my family. He was always happy to exchange a few words. His sense of humor was a joy. He will be missed by many.

Louise Bernhart

Louise Bernhart - November 16, 2021 at 03:20 PM



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Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - November 14, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KS

“ *Uncle Wendell, such a kind and gentle man, taught me how to juggle at the reunions. I've taught my kids and now grandkids and always tell them "my Uncle Wendell taught me". I lives on in so many ways. Sorry for your great loss.*
Kim Burtner Suski

Kim Burtner Suski - November 13, 2021 at 01:25 PM



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Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - November 13, 2021 at 11:37 AM



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Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - November 12, 2021 at 03:44 PM

NJ

Sharon--so sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad is a treasure to your family and everyone he touched. Our sympathy goes out to all the Burtner family. God Bless.

Nancy & Bill Johnroe - November 16, 2021 at 12:07 PM

MG

I have so many memories he was always my protector growing up.

Marilyn Glasgow. - November 16, 2021 at 02:15 PM

SM

Thank you everyone for the kind words about our dad. We were so blessed to have him for a father! He always gave us 110%. He was a real stand-up man! A wonderful example to all of us! Thank you from Bob, Sharon, Kevin, Patty, and Barb aka The Burtners

Sharon Burtner Montgomery - November 28, 2021 at 08:13 PM