



Colonel Troy E. Burrow

June 6, 1942 - February 10, 2021

Colonel Troy E. Burrow, U.S. Army (Retired) of Johnson City, TN. left his earthly home on February 10th, 2021 and is now with our Heavenly Father after battling a recent cancer diagnosis. Born June 6, 1942 in Poyen, Arkansas, to parents Emmett and Lesta Burrow. Colonel Burrow passed away peacefully at his residence, while surrounded by his immediate family. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN. A true patriot, he served his beloved country with honor and distinction for 27 years as a dual rated Master Army Aviator with more than 2600 flying hours, 1500 of which were combat hours in Vietnam.

His major duty assignments include service as Executive Officer for a training company at Ft. Gordon, GA; Section and platoon leader in the 128th and 120th Aviation Companies, Phu Loi, Republic of Vietnam; Instructor pilot for Standards Division at Lowe Army Airfield, Ft. Rucker, AL. as well as command pilot for the Command Group, U.S. Army Aviation Center. Col. Burrow returned to Vietnam in 1971 where he served as Administrative Officer for the 162nd Assault Support Helicopter Company. Additionally, he served as the Commander of the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory based at Ft. Wainwright, AK. With a love of education and a fondness for the Appalachian Mountains, Colonel Burrow was assigned and served as Professor of Military Science and Buccaneer Battalion Commander at East Tennessee State University. He ended his military service stationed at Fort Rucker, AL. where he served as Commander of the U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center.

After retiring from the Army in 1993, he returned to his beloved Appalachia, where he served as an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Public and Allied Health at East Tennessee State University until retiring in 2010.

Colonel Burrow's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal (23 Awards), the Air Medal for Valor with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Master Aviator Badge.

Colonel Troy E. Burrow leaves behind his wife of soon to be 53 years this upcoming February 17th, Dianne Grigsby Burrow, daughter Dana Loiree Clark, son in law Colonel

Steven Bobby Clark, U.S. Army (Retired) and son, Travis Neal Burrow. Granddaughters Graycen Olivia Clark, Callaway Adair Clark and grandsons Kieran Elijah Clark, Cohen Elisha Clark and Lucah Christian Clark, Kamden O'Neal Burrow, Layton McKinleigh Burrow and Jude Levi Burrow. Special appreciation to our extended family; Lieutenant Colonel Robert Parks, U.S. Army (Retired) and wife Phyllis Parks.

The Burrow family would like to express gratitude to the Hospice team from Amedisys, staff from Mountain Home VAMC, Ashley Seale, PA-C from JCIM and unit 5500 from the Johnson City Medical Center.

Please understand we will be following the State's COVID-19 guidelines. We ask all guests and family members attending services to please bring and wear a mask, and observe all social distancing guidelines.

The family of Colonel Troy E. Burrow will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Thursday February 18, 2021, at Tetrick Funeral Services. The graveside committal service will be conducted at 10 am Friday February 19, in the Mountain Home National Cemetery with Tim Tapp officiating. The Boone Dam Post #4933 will accord military honors. Family and friends are requested to meet at the cemetery by 9:50 am Friday.

The Burrow family kindly requests in lieu of flowers and in honor of his grandson, Layton McKinleigh Burrow, donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Donations can be made online at stjude.org or by phone (800) 478-5833.

Events

FEB **Receive Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Tetrick Funeral Services - Johnson City
3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN, US, 37604

FEB **Graveside Committal** 10:00AM

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Mountain Home National Cemetery
Mountain Home, TN, US, 37684

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tetrick Funeral - February 18 at 02:52 PM



“ Beautiful family and loving memories.

daira finchum - February 21 at 12:03 PM



“ Troy and I met at Fort Wolters, TX where we began flight school in January 1966. We quickly became good friends and shared a room there and later at Fort Rucker, AL. Upon our graduation in July, he wanted to see the Great Smoky Mountains, and I invited him to come visit my family before he left for Vietnam a few weeks later. He met during that visit my beautiful first cousin, Diane, who lived next door in Del Rio, TN. He had met my fiancé, Nancy, at Fort Rucker and served as a Groomsman in our wedding in Florida in August. I was very excited to learn later that he and Diane began dating after he returned from Vietnam. I was in Vietnam when they began dating and were later married; Nancy was an attendant in their wedding. He and Diane were intended for one another. They were a wonderful couple, raising two terrific children and enjoying an outstanding Army Career together. Our military and follow-on careers prevented us from spending much time together until we were both fully retired, but our wives stayed in touch. I met no finer person and Army Officer than Troy. His Superb Army and follow on careers attest to this fact. His children and grandchildren could have had no better role model, and I know that he loved Diane and them dearly. Rest In Peace, Troy. Lieutenant General Hubert G. Smith, U.S. Army, Retired. ETSU Class of 1962.

Hubert G Smith - February 21 at 12:34 AM



“ 58 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tetrick Funeral - February 18 at 02:51 PM



“ Troy/Mr. Burrow was like a second dad to me and all those many memories of him through out my life will never be forgotten! He will be truly missed always! Please know that we are sending all our love, prayers and thoughts to you all during this difficult time. Love, Jennifer, Mike and Aidan Hopkins

Jennifer & Mike Hopkins - February 18 at 09:19 AM



“ Dianne & Family,

I was sorry to read in NPT that your husband had passed away. Sending sincere condolences to you and your loved ones. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days ahead. May God grant you comfort and peace.

Matthew 5:4

Sincerely,
Linda Dawson



Linda & Bud Dawson - February 17 at 05:53 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Colonel Troy E. Burrow.



February 17 at 03:51 PM



“ We all have some good memories from our younger life that help sustain us as we get older. Troy was a huge part of those younger years in college and military flight school in the mid 60's. I will always be grateful for his friendship. A life well lived.
Joe Grier

Joe Grier - February 15 at 03:55 PM



“ Col Burrow was a great instructor that I greatly admired. I had the opportunity to be a student of his in the College of Public Health at ETSU. Thank you for serving your country and for guiding your students. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.
Rest in Peace.

Melissa Hood - February 15 at 02:14 PM



“ Colonel Burrow held a seminar while I was in graduate school with the Department of Environmental Health. He made such a strong impression on me and certainly other students that attended. Such a distinguished man who loved to teach. He will be greatly missed. I am thankful for men like him. Kim Chapman Marmo

Kim Marmo - February 15 at 02:09 PM



“ A good man and true patriot - he came a long way from Army flight school where I was in his class in 1966. Russ Denison

Russell Denison - February 14 at 03:08 PM



“ COL Burrow was a fine man! I worked for him at ETSU when he was the commander of the ROTC Program. I am proud to have known him and am praying for his family. Rest in Peace,Sir.

Debbie Donaldson - February 13 at 09:28 PM