



William Burnett

March 16, 2008

William H. Burnett, 79, passed away, Thurs., March 13, 2008, at Brewster Place. He was born Sept. 16, 1928 in Kansas City, KS the son of Allen and Harriett (Norman) Burnett. Will graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1946. He served in the U.S Army during the Korean Conflict. He was the Hutchinson recruiter for War Dog Fund during WWII. Will was past president of the Salina Jaycees, Kansas State Jaycee Vice President, Senator of the Junior Chapter of Commerce International, member of the American Legion, and the MG Auto Club. Will and Jan Burnett owned and operated Jan's Tole Shop for 24 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Janet (Johnson) Burnett; children, Rebecca G. Autry (Ron) and William B. Greiner (Pam); grandchildren, C.J. Autry, Andrea (Brad) Rhodes, Vincent Autry, Amy Greiner, and many nieces and nephews. Will was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother, Norman and sister, Marian. Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sun. March 16, 2008 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Memorial service will be 1:30 p.m. Mon. March 17, 2008 at First Baptist Church 3033 SW MacVicar Ave. Topeka KS 66611. Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice, Brewster Place and Helping Hands Humane Society sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Burnett*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jan, I just met you and Will but I will cherish the time I was able to spend with both of you. My prayers are with you and your family. Mary Hipsher Dietary Manager*

Mary Hipsher - March 22, 2008 at 09:29 PM



“ *My Grandpa was a person who people loved to be around - not only was he intelligent, but he was witty and understood people. I love him and always will - his family will miss him more than words can possibly express.*

We love you Grandpa.

Andrea Rhodes - March 18, 2008 at 05:57 PM



“ *Your Brewster neighbor Jeanne Shreve asked that we extend her heartfelt sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Stephen and Kay Jones*

Kay Jones - March 17, 2008 at 12:02 PM

PT

“ *Jan, Becky, Bill, and family,
I can't tell you how sorry I am about your loss. Will was truly a great man. He had the best laugh and was always so passionate about life. I'll never forget how he'd call the clinic to make "reservations" for Butch, then Piper for their "hotel stays". Have to think that right now he and another dog lover are trading great dog stories and having a strong drink. He will be strongly missed!*

Patti Torrence - March 16, 2008 at 10:45 PM

MS

“ *Jan and family
My sympathy goes out to you and your family. A very great person has left our midst. He is gone but will not be forgotten by those whose life he touched.*

I have many great memories of Will & Jan at NSDP convention and classes taken at Jan's shop. You both were a guide and inspiration and always the first place to go when in Topeka to see what new things were offered.

Marilyn Spongberg - March 16, 2008 at 03:49 PM

PH

“ Dear Jan,

The wonderful memories we have of you and Will have brought us much comfort (and laughter) over the past few days. We hope that you are able to find comfort in your memories as well.

We are grateful that we were able to see Will last week and express to him how much he meant to us.

We look forward to sharing some of those memories with you in the days ahead!! We are but a phone call away ... always!!

For now ... we want to share this poem. We hope it brings you some peace and comfort.

We love you,

Patty and George

If I can let you go as trees let go

Their leaves, so casually, one by one

If I can come to know what they do know,

That fall is the release, the consummation

Then fear of time and the uncertain fruit

Would not distemper the great lucid skies

This strangest autumn, mellow and acute.

If I can take the dark with open eyes

And call it seasonal, not harsh or strange.

(For love itself may need a time of sleep),

And tree-like, stand unmoved before the change.

Lose what I lose to keep what I can keep,

The strong root still alive under the snow.

Love will endure - if I can let you go.

Patty Hersh - March 16, 2008 at 01:19 PM

AK

“ I was one of the many who had the pleasure of meeting & caring for Mr. Burnett through Midland Hospice. He was a very special person and I truly enjoyed caring for him. He always knew how to make you feel right at home. Jan I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for being such a wonderful person.

Anje Kearney - March 16, 2008 at 10:05 AM

AG

“ What can I say? Grandpa Burnett has been an inspiration for me in so many walks of my current and future lives. His morals, his politics, his belief in the simple things are what he taught me. These things are what I will never forget.

We were born on the same birth day. This connection was a sign of things to come for me in our relationship. He offered me invaluable advice and I will never forget it.

Some of my best memories include playing King in the Corner and discussing the state of the nation while we played. I will remember our talks forever more.

Thank you for being such a positive force in my life, Grandpa. Thank you for being someone to look up to. Thank you for providing me an example of what it means to be honest and true.

I will miss you.

I love you.

I always will.

Amy

Amy Greiner - March 14, 2008 at 10:24 PM

SB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with our family. We are sorry that we could not make it to Kansas for the services, but wanted to let you all know that we are thinking of you.*

Love,

Steve and Diane Burnett

1712 Jillian Road

Brandon, FL 33510

Steve Burnett - March 14, 2008 at 10:05 AM