



## R. David Burns

January 31, 1927 - October 14, 2018

Reginald David Burns, loving husband of Barbara Burns and father of Peter Burns (Gloriela), Tony Burns (Kim), Janine Barger (Steve) and Richard Burns, passed away on October 14, 2018.

Born in Northampton, England, he was the son of Winifred Joyce Kean and Cyril Gandy. After Cyril's death, Joyce remarried to Wallace Bruce Burns, whom David knew as his father.

David married Barbara Franks, the love of his life, in Perth, Australia in 1951. A short while later they moved to England where David went to college and began his career in engineering. David and Barbara and the four children moved to the U.S. in 1967 where David took an opportunity in the aerospace industry. They retired to Greer, SC in 1992.

David had many hobbies, including gardening and model shipbuilding, and he was an active member of the choir at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Greer. He will be remembered most for his friendly and generous nature, which endeared him to all whom he met.

David was predeceased by his wife, Barbara and brothers Keith Burns (Melbourne Australia) and Anthony Burns (Perth Australia).

We will be forever grateful to the staff and administration at Rolling Green Village, who became a second family to David and Barbara (and our family).

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 19, 2018 at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Greer, SC conducted by Father Mike Schnatterly.

Visitation will be held following the service in the church parish hall. The families are at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to the American Cancer Society [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org). Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd  
200 Cannon Street  
Greer, SC 29650

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I'm sure you are aware that David positively touched a tremendous amount of people. In the year that my Mom, Elsie Bromfield, and I got to know him at RGV we could clearly understand why he had become an extremely valuable and loved member of that community. He set a living example of honoring the vows of "in sickness and in health" and "til death do us part". We are richer for having met David and thank you all for the beautiful ceremony of remembrance that honored such a fine man. Elsie and I extend our deepest condolences.

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**Jan Driscoll** - October 20, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of R. David Burns.



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October 18, 2018 at 01:21 PM

EO

“ Uncle David and Auntie Barbara were two very special people in our lives and so many early memories include them especially for my sisters and myself. Many unforgettable camping trips complete with tents, campfires and outdoor cooking and Uncle David on a borrowed farmer's tractor giving us rides. Building the biggest sandcastles/forts on the beach and then working really hard to save them from the encroaching tides. I remember too the airshows we attended with Uncle David and my sisters and our cousins sitting on the roof of the car to better watch the aircraft. The walks we took with Uncle David to bridges where we could watch the old steam trains pass underneath and smell the smoke. Uncle David also built the most amazing spaceships/rocket ships for Peter and Tony that we girls were privileged to help operate when we visited them. We never left the ground of course but the flashing lights, noise and movement of the incredible structure left a sense of excitement and wonder I can still remember so very many years later. Uncle David will always hold a very special place in our hearts and we send our love and condolences to Peter, Tony, Janine and Richard and their families.



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**Elizabeth Ann Olson** - October 17, 2018 at 10:23 AM

LR

“ Our sympathy and thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We thought so much of Barbara and David. They were such a nice couple and was sorely missed when they couldn't attend church any longer. David always loved his sweets and Barbara would kid him about it. David would just laugh and eat them anyway. David always enjoyed being in the choir. He was a true gentleman and Barbara was a lovely lady. Rest in peace, our friend.

*Lewis and Gail Reeves*

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**Lewis and Gail Reeves** - October 16, 2018 at 09:54 PM

MW

*My sympathy goes out to this outstanding human being, R. David Burns' family.. I knew him first as another resident of Rolling Green Village and then when my husband, another Brit, was in the nursing section of RGV, I got to see first hand the love, care and devotion that he gave to his wife. He was the epitome of what "sickness and in health" meant. They are now together forever.  
God Bless You, David.*

*Marjorie Bennett Wood*

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**Marjorie Wood** - October 21, 2018 at 03:57 PM