



# Joe Arthur Burns

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## **Joe Arthur Burns**

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**J**oe Arthur Burns, Sr. was born in Memphis, TN to Berry Ellis Burns and Susannah Burns. He passed away on December 16th, 2022. He was married to Rosemary Morrow for 62 years with four children: Joe, Jr., Mary Kathleen, Bryan Lee 1964-2018 and James Christopher 1974-2007. Life long member of Church of Christ, member at Germantown for 37 years.

He graduated from Treadwell High School in Memphis, TN in 1959. He went on to attend Memphis State University 1964-1968 where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. He started his career in medical sales for Roche Labs from 1970- 1985. National Contract Manager for Konica Minolta Medical, negotiating national Contracts for corporate hospital and medical companies from 1985 until retirement on 8 August 2008.

He was a member of various organizations and held many positions in these including, Past President of Tennessee Genealogy Society, past member of Museum Board of Directors, Germantown, past ex-officio member of Germantown Library Board, past member of Board of Tishomingo Historical and Genealogical Society, Member of American Dowsing Society, Ames Plantation member, Camp Genealogist for Robert E Lee Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Division Genealogist (State of Tennessee) for Tennessee division of the SCV. Camp photographer for the Lee Camp of the SCV. Photographer for Tennessee Genealogical Society, member West Tennessee Historical Society.

His post retirement interests included genealogical research, photography, lecturer on genealogy and military. Cemetery research including grave dowsing, grave probing, mapping cemeteries. He was an avid photographer and enjoyed taking pictures of birds, bees, flowers, and nature.

He was much beloved by friends and family and will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at Memorial Park Funeral home on Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN. Visitation is from 5-7 on Tuesday, December 20th. The funeral is Wednesday, December 21st at 1 PM. In lieu



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of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

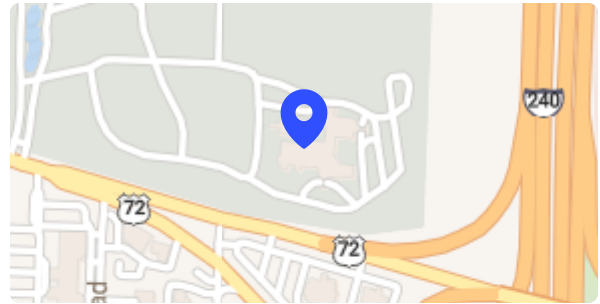


# Events

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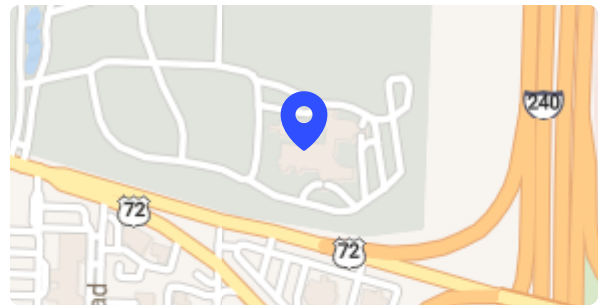
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, December 20, 2022
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM cst
- Memorial Park Funeral Home-Riverside Chapel**  
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119



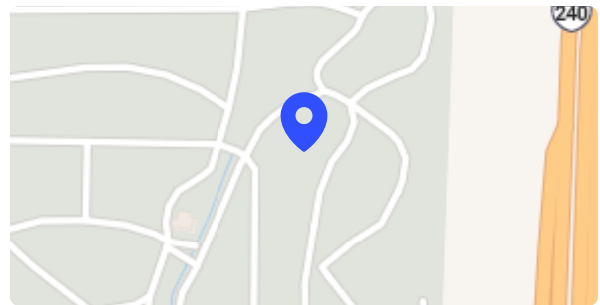
## Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, December 21, 2022
- 1:00 PM cst
- Memorial Park Funeral Home-Riverside Chapel**  
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119



## Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119
- (901) 445-8475**





## Tribute Wall

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BG

**Buddy Giles** posted:

I worked with Joe while with Konica Medical Imaging. His passing hits me hard as I thought so highly of Joe. Back in the late 80's we shared a room at RSNA in Chicago. The walls literally moved "in-and-out" during his snoring, but I wouldn't trade that and many other unique experiences with my friend for anything. We don't meet very many one-of-a-kind people in our lives. Joe Burns was one of those for me. Rest in Peace, Joe.... and God bless you, Rosemary, and all of The Burns. Buddy Giles | Medical Imaging Sales Colleague

January 14 at 9:21 AM

CW

**Catherine Wilson** lit a candle in honor of Joe.

I remember Joe and .UNA students and myself when we mapped the New Bethel MB Church. in 2017 and completed the project IN 2019. Joe and I were so excited to be working on this. He arrived every morning at 8 and stayed until 5. Taking photos and instructing us how to brave a grave. Such an amazing man. He is gone but never forgotten ❤️💔♥️ From Catherine Wilson TNGS Volunteer and Friend



January 2 at 8:54 PM

HA

**Hal** posted:

Great neighbor and very special friend. I miss him already. My condolences to the family

December 21 at 10:08 AM

LC

**Lloyd Clemmons** posted:

I saw Joe only a few times when he would drive from Germantown, TN to The Shoals to share his knowledge and expertise about genealogy. He cared about people and was a Christian. A lot more can, and will, be said about him. I'm sure many people have stories to tell that will bless and encourage his family. May God bless you all.

December 21 at 4:05 AM

PP

**Pamela Pollard** posted:

So sorry you are gone, but are now in the arms of Jesus. You always were so much help to me when I needed it. I will miss you and your wonderful photos. Rest In Peace. Pam Pollard

December 19 at 5:14 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Burns family.



December 19 at 5:09 AM



**Maxie And Paula Jones** lit a candle in honor of Joe.

Maxie Paula Jones lit a candle in memory of Joe Burns



December 18 at 10:48 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joe by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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