



Douglas "Butch" Burnett

October 30, 2013

Douglas C. "Butch" Burnett, Jr., went home on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, after an 8 year battle with Mesothelioma. Born on September 7, 1946, he was the son of Douglas C. Burnett Sr. and Mildred A. (Durda) Burnett.

He acknowledged God as the giver of his two passions—family and farm. He approached every day with enviable enthusiasm and had the utmost respect for all living things. Doug always had a strong opinion and was very willing to share it, whether you wanted to hear it or not! His work ethic was strong and constant throughout his life, approaching everything with honesty, sincerity, and hard work. He valued nature and the importance of preserving it and could turn a walk in the woods into an exciting adventure.

He enjoyed his annual trip to Aruba. He loved this time of refreshment, especially if family or friends joined him. He used any occasion for a family gathering. Christmas was his favorite time of year. He was always eager to share whatever he could with anyone.

He belonged to the Berkshire Shrine Club, the Melha Shriners, and the Pittsfield Lodge of Masons. He previously sat on the FHA board, and was a present member of the Adams Conservation Committee, and Massachusetts Farm Bureau.

The farm, in his family since 1911, was a source of great pride. He considered it his life's work to preserve it, and also to expand upon it and use it in the most judicious way. This pride was second only to the pride he had in his children and grandchildren.

Doug leaves the love of his life, Jane Marcil Burnett, whom he married on September 2, 1967; a daughter, Carrie Garivaltis, a son, Jason Burnett and his wife Carolyn, and a daughter, Kimberly Miller and her husband Dwayne. He leaves six grandchildren, Megan and Zachary Bantle, Isabella Garivaltis, Vincent Burnett, Brandon and Jonathan Miller; and seven step grandchildren. He leaves his sister Doris Alibozek, her husband David, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He also leaves his feline friends—Nemo, Max, and Miss Priss.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 10:00 AM in the First Baptist Church, 15 Commercial St. (Rte. 8) Adams. Rev. Donald E. Gray will officiate. Burial will be private.

Calling hours at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, will be Friday (today) from 4 to 7 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, 15 Commercial St. Adams, MA 01220, or to Pop Cares, PO Box 482, Williamstown, MA 01267.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ Carrie and Family -So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Nothing prepares you for this moment - though rest assured this is only the beginning of the beauty of the Glory of God and his promise of everlasting life. Peace be with you all until you meet again.Love, Linda and Mike Levesque and Family

Linda Levesque - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

JT

“ Dear Jane and family,I had the great pleasure of working at the farm for three years. Doug taught me much about farming and a lot about myself. To date, I have not had a boss who was so passionate about his line of work or as enthusiastic about life. I extend my sincere condolences at his passing, but please know that Doug will be remembered with great fondness by anyone he met.

Julia (Ashton) Thibodo - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

JN

“ Kim & family,Your Dad was such a wonderful caring person and loved by all who knew him.I know how he suffered and may you all find PEACE knowing he is now in a better place. I know he will be greatly missed by family, friends, and the community. My deepest sympathy.PEACE

Jane Nevares - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

ML

“ Dear Jane and Family, I send my heartfelt sympathy to the Family. Butch is a great loss to everyone. I worked on the farm with Butch , his Dad Douglas and as far back as Clifton. I have nothing but respect for Butch. He was a special person . RIP, my Friend.

Michael Lefebvre - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

TW

“ Our deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. He is a wonderful man! My family and I are fortunate to have know Doug; he will be greatly missed!!

Tara Wiles - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ I wish to entend my condolences to the family and friends to Mr. Burnett. May you find peace in your memories of the happy times. J. Hart

June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DW

“ Carrie, Zach and family-our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Doug and Dot Wandrei - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

NM

“ Dear Kim, Carrie, Jay and the rest of your family,I am so sorry to hear about your Father. Sending peace, prayers and blessings to help you get through the difficult days ahead.

Nicole Mancuso - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

CF

“ Dear Jane, Kim, Carrie, Jay & families: I am so deeply sorry to hear of your loss. Sending you wishes for peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Much love to you all!

Coleen Fisher - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

RJ

“ Sorry to hear of Doug's passing,knew him for over 40 years and always enjoyed his friendly greetings.

Russell and Lucille Jarvis - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

JT

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Doug at the farm for about three years. Doug taught me a great deal about farming and about myself. He was the best boss I've had to date, though that was debatable some days while working for him, ha ha. I've never met someone so enthusiastic about his job or about life! I thank him for trusting me with the care of the farm and the cats! and the house while you all went on vacation. That trust made much more confident in myself. I offer my sincere condolences at his passing, but please know that anyone who ever met Doug will remember him fondly.

Julia (Ashton) Thibodo - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

TL

“ Dear Kim & family,

My sincerest condolences to you & your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Lassar - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy Jane and family our thoughts and prayer are with you.Roger and Ivy Rice

June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

CM

“ Carrie and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. We've been keeping Doug in our prayers for many years. How blessed he was to have such a strong family by his side. Please know that all of your friends at Williamstown Elementary School are holding you close to our hearts. God bless.

Colleen Judge Martin - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

VM

“ Jane and Family -

Nothing I say can lessen the pain of Doug's passing, but even though it's been almost 50 years since I last saw him, I will always have memories of a classmate, a bandmate and most of all, a friend.

My thoughts and prayers go out for Doug, you, and the entire family. May memories of happy times be his legacy to you.

Vince Moderski - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DK

“ Dear Carrie and Kim and Family: My thoughts and feelings are with you during this time.

David Kronick - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ Kim, Carrie and Jay, Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you. Sending prayers and love. Cindy Noel

June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

TF

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Burnett & Alibozek Families.*

The Donald Kruszyna Family - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

SP

“ *So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Sandy Pasternak - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DO

“ *Jane and family Butch is pain free and in a better place. Thinking of all of you*

Dolores - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

KW

“ *Carrie, Kim, Jay & Family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Kerry Wandrei - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

JD

“ *Dear Jane, Sorry for your loss of Doug. I'll miss seeing him at our reunion next year and hope you will be there. Jean Grosz Davis*

Jean Davis - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM

MV

“ *Mrs. Burnett, Jay, Kim and Carrie, So sorry for your lost, Mr Burnett was good man who gave great advice to me when we were hanging out at the farm. He will be missed but he's in a better place. God bless!*

Mike Varno - June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ *Doug was a wonderful guy and very committed to his farm and the welfare of the animals and lad. God bless you and yours.*

June 07, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ *Carrie, So very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I'm thinking of you & your family during this difficult time.*

November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So Sorry for your loss*

November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doug was my best friend in elementary school. I spent many wonderful saterdays on his farm and we had a lot of fun hiking up the land behind his house. God must have wanted a good and hard working farmer to help him up there.*

Bob Pizani - November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jane, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know I am thinking of you, sending prayers your way, and hoping happy memories help you through this very sad time. Pretty sure you probably don't remember, but I can remember, one of the Sweet Brook Christmas parties, and there were very few couples out there dancing but you and your husband, along with Al and I were out there, dancing our hearts out and having a wonderful time. Might have even been a polka and I wasn't very good at that :) but just having fun with someone you loved was what was so much fun. I can't even imagine how you feel, but want you to know, I'm thinking of you. Sincere sympathy to you and your family. Betty Sartori

Betty Sartori - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM