



Charles Henry Burhanan Sr.

March 31, 1929 - August 8, 2019

Charles Henry Burhanan Sr. was born on Sunday March 31, 1929 in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania to the late Frank David Burhanan and late Evelyn M. Stoner Burhanan. He was the youngest of 10 children born to this union.

He received his formal education in the Mercersburg School System and graduated from Mercersburg High School.

“Bucky” as he was affectionately called by everyone who knew him was best known for his handsome smile, sharp and stylish dress, and great sense of humor. He also had a passion for singing. Charles and his cousin Billy Jenkins formed a male quartet singing group called the “Jordan River Boys” which sang all over Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia during his younger years. The group was best known for performing Christian and Top 40 favorites of that time!

After high school, Charles decided to follow in the footsteps of his three older brothers by enlisting into the Armed Services; he chose to join the United States Army. Charles started his military career at Camp Beale, California and was later deployed to Okinawa, Japan during World War II where he served in the 667 th Ordinance Ammunition Company. He was then sent to Ikego, Japan to organize an ammunition supply point, and was able to enjoy a little rest and relaxation during his tour in Tokyo, Japan. Upon the completion of his first tour, Charles returned back to the United States and was soon deployed to Inchon/Seoul Korea to serve in the Korean Conflict. He was a member for the 65 th Ordinance Ammunition Company which assisted the 1 st Marine Division by organizing an ammunition supply point and the 363 rd and the 33 rd Ordinance Ammunition Companies that receive, shipped, and assembled ammunition in the war zone. He completed 3 tours of duty during the Korean Conflict by ending his last tour as a member of the Battery B 376 th ABA BN Company. He returned back to Louisville Kentucky to finish the remainder of his military service. Charles received a number of military medals, citations, and honors during his time in the United States Army giving 7 years for service to his country.

Charles relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he was united in marriage to

the former Shirlean Johnson where they made Harrisburg their home. Their union was blessed with the birth of two children, Toya, and Charles Jr.

Having accepted the Lord as his personal Savior, he joined Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church. He later joined Shiloh Church of God in Christ. He served on the Kitchen Ministry at Goodwin, and served on the Prison Ministry at both churches. During his working career, he was a computer programmer/operator at Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Steelton, Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1998.

In his leisure time, Charles particularly enjoyed family gatherings, cook-outs, visiting amusement parks with the family, family vacations, traveling, and loved listening to jazz and gospel music. His favorite hobbies were cooking, crossword puzzles, and playing card games.

Charles had a great desire to be closer to his children and their families.

Therefore, a few years after his wife's retirement, they relocated to Grayson, Georgia to spend his later years with his children and grandchildren.

On Thursday August 8, 2019, at his home in Loganville, Georgia, Charles Henry Burhanan Sr., at the age of 90 years old, peacefully transitioned into eternal rest surrounded by his loving family and caregivers.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his six sisters, Mary Burhanan, Janet Lyles, Helen Burhanan, Charlotte Burhanan (at birth), Cleone Hadley, Janet Dorsey, and his three brothers, Samuel, Eugene, and Theodore. He leaves to celebrate his life and to cherish precious memories of him, his loving wife of 52 years Shirlean Burhanan; his daughter and son-in-law, Toya M. and Harold Davidson of Lawrenceville, GA ; his four sons, Charles Henry Burhanan Jr. of Loganville, GA, Greg Colbert of Harrisburg, PA, Larry Parrish and daughter-in-law Karen of Kyabram, Victoria, Australia, and Darryl Barbee of Los Angeles, California; his five grandchildren, Kennedy Alexis Davidson of Lawrenceville, GA, Andra Colbert of Wilson, NC, Taro Ho of Crestline, CA, Vaughn Parrish of Kyabram, Victoria, Australia, and Jahnae Parrish of Kyabram, Victoria, Australia; and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Loving Submitted by His Family

Homegoing services for Charles Henry Burhanan Sr. of Loganville, GA will be held Monday, August 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home GWINNETT Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy. Lawrenceville, GA 30045. (770) 338-5558

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114-7670
<http://www.georgianationalcemetery.com>

Previous Events

Homegoing services

AUG **19**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *My heartfelt condolences and prayers to Aunt Shirlean, cousins, Daryl, Greg, Larry, Toya and Chucky.
Today and always, may loving memories give you peace, comfort and strength.
Rest in Paradise, Uncle Bucky.
Love and miss you
Linda Burhannan*



Linda Burhannan - August 18, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Henry Burhanan Sr..*



August 17, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Henry Burhanan Sr..*



August 16, 2019 at 07:00 PM

EF

“ *Expression of sympathy for The Burhanan family. May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with the heavyweight of your loss. Blessed be the Almighty God who daily carries the load for us.*

Evans family - August 13, 2019 at 05:36 AM