



Jimmie R. Burford

March 23, 1929 - April 2, 2016

James Burford, 87
Kearney resident

James R. Burford, 87, of Kearney died Saturday, April 2, 2016 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Reverend Meg Sander and Pastor Dean Pofahl will officiate. Interment will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery with military honors provided by the Nebraska National Guard in conjunction with the North Platte Honors Team. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army and the Disabled American Veterans. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Robert Burford was born March 23, 1929 in Grand Island, Nebraska. At the age of one month he was adopted by Ralph and Grace (Flint) Burford. Jim was raised in Grand Island until at the age of 13, he and his family moved to Eddyville and later Elm Creek, NE. Jim served in the U.S. Army enlisting in May of 1951 until his honorable discharge in March 1973. During his twenty years in the Army, Jim served two tours in Korea, two tours in Vietnam and

was a member of the Capitol Police Force in Washington D.C. He was awarded two Bronze Stars, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. Jim worked for the Buffalo County Sheriff's department for 18 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Kearney, VFW Post #759, American Legion Post # 52, the Forty & Eight Club and a former member of the Elks. Jim was an avid golfer, winning his first trophy at the age of 13. He also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter Michelle Williams of Geneva; grandson Charles (Valerie) Rieflin and their children Hannah and Brady Rieflin all of Lawrenceville, GA; grandson Cory Rieflin of Geneva, NE; granddaughter Cassandra (Jeremey) Scarf and their children Cameron and Mordikigh Scarf all of Tobias, NE. Jim was also survived by his dog, Shatzi and his caregiver and special friend Mary Kulhanek of Kearney.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
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Funeral Service

APR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Jimmie R. Burford*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *The Morrie Lewis family extends their deepest sympathy in Jim's death. We didn't get to know Jim until a few years ago, but he became an important part of our family. Morrie passed away four years ago, and I know that he and Jim are now having a good game of golf or looking at some vintage cars. Remembering you in our prayers*

Audrey Lewis - April 07, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmie R. Burford.*



April 05, 2016 at 10:12 AM

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“ *Marjorie A. Richendifer.. Jim and I had eight good years together until his sickness changed him. Our little Schatzi was the glue that kept us together. We had lots of good times playing cards We went RV camping several years. I was the camper and he didn't really care for it but did it for me. We went to every Korean Vet reunion .He joined my church in Kearney where his service will be held . Michelle I wish we had gotten to see each other more often thru the years. My heart goes out to you and your family*

Marjorie Richendifer - April 04, 2016 at 05:27 PM

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“ *Andrews Electric & Midwest Steel purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Jimmie R. Burford.*



Andrews Electric & Midwest Steel - April 04, 2016 at 04:04 PM