



Robert Allan Burns

May 28, 1932 - October 15, 2016

Bob rose to the only place that he could get better care than at the Curry House in Cadillac on Saturday, October 15, 2016. He was surrounded by Rory and John Denver singing and helpful caregivers.

Robert Allan Burns was born to Glenn Robert & Ione (Arnold) Burns on May 28, 1932 in Brighton, Michigan. He was 84.

In 1934 they moved to Alpena, where Bob graduated 7th in his class of 150 from Alpena High School in 1950. He was an honor student, played tennis, football, and was a member of the Alpena High School Marching Band for four years. Bob received a University of Michigan Regents Scholarship. He also played baritone with the Alpena Elks Club Band and the Alpena City Band during high school, college and afterwards. Bob was in the University of Michigan Marching Band for one year and three years in the Michigan State Marching Band after transferring there. He had a tuition scholarship each year due to the band program.

At MSU, Bob was a member of the Psi Upsilon Social Fraternity and Circulation Director of both the Michigan State Daily News student newspaper and the MSU "Spartan" Magazine from 1953-1955. He graduated from MSU in 1955.

After graduating from MSU Bob served in the United States Army stationed in Verdun, France from 1955-1957 as a member and clerk of the 188th Army Band which covered Southeast France and part of southwest Germany.

On June 29, 1957 Bob married Rosemary (Rory) Carder and they lived in Ann Arbor where Bob attended University of Michigan Law School. He was also the Administrative Supervisor of the 350th Public Information Detachment US Army Reserve and gained an E-6 rank. Bob graduated from law school in December of 1959 and moved with Rory and their first child, Carder Robert to Reed City. Bob was the Assistant Prosecutor of Osceola County from 1960-1962. He was also a member of the Reed City Jaycees.

In 1962 the Burns family moved to Cadillac where Bob became an associate with Jack W. Korn in the general practice of law until Jack's death in 1994. They formed Korn & Burns, PC in 1973. Bob proclaimed his job description as an attorney was to "right wrongs; seek justice and lift burdens". Their next three children: Stephanie Jane, Bryan Glenn, and Jessica Beth all arrived in Cadillac.

In 1973 Bob formed Wexford Title Company as the exclusive agent for Lawyers Title Insurance Company in Wexford County. He was the first title company agent in Wexford County.

From 1962-1997 Bob was a member of the Civil Service Board of the City of Cadillac. He was the sole member of the Wexford County U.S. Selective Service Board for 30 years.

Bob was one of the founding members of the Cadillac Ancient and Honorable Clam Lake Dock & Dredge Marching and Chowder Society Silver Cornet Band and played regularly until 2000. He was a member of the Cadillac Mitchell Yacht Club, Cadillac Country Club, Traverse City Country Club (social), Cadillac Elks Club and Caberfae Ski Club. He enjoyed cars, boating, skiing, snowboarding, the practice of law, socializing and most of all his family

especially his lovely wife.

Bob is survived by his wife, Rosemary; son, Carder (Trisha and grandson, Noah) Burns of Linwood Beach, Michigan; daughter, Stephanie Jane (grandson Andrew and granddaughters, Olivia and Holly) Maury of Phoenix, Arizona; son, Bryan (Brenda and granddaughter, Madison) Burns of Truckee, California; daughter, Jessica (Marc and grandsons, Nicholas and Robert) vonStralendorff of Eagle, Colorado; two great grandchildren in Arizona; one brother, David (Mary Anne) Burns of Rockford, Michigan and one sister-in-law, Sandra Burns of Ada, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gary Burns.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services with Father Joe Fix officiating. Friends may meet the family Friday November 11, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 at the funeral home.

Memorial tributes in Bob's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *My condolences for your loss.*

Garth Springberg - November 08, 2016 at 03:46 PM

MM

“ *Read the news of Bobs passing in the Alpena News after we arrived in Florida. Although our families haven't met since lones' funeral many eons ago I still have fond memories of the family parties we would have when all of the McGirr and the Burns families would get together in my younger years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Carole and I are so sorry for your loss.*

Michael McGirr - November 08, 2016 at 06:07 AM

JB

“ *Rory and family, so sorry for your loss, what a memorable life Bob has led. He's at peace now. Hugs. Jan*

Jan Boyd - October 29, 2016 at 09:16 AM

JK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Rory and family at this sad time. Bob, you and Rory were great neighbors and continued friends on the river. We remember how our granddaughters kept you entertained with the dogs and simple conversation We will miss you dearly and know that you are in a better place now. Rest in peace*

Jolene Kukuk - October 20, 2016 at 06:44 AM

CS

“ I became acquainted with Bob back in the day when I worked in the Trust Department of The Cadillac State Bank. May I express my sincere condolences to you all. Praying for God's peace and healing during this time of great loss.

Cya Stambaugh - October 19, 2016 at 08:22 AM

GS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Rory and family. Bob helped me through a very difficult time when my husband died and I will always remember that kindness. God be with you and your family.

Gerry Seger - October 19, 2016 at 06:33 AM

AR

“ Bob, A wonderful neighbor and husband to a dear friend. I'll always remember the dinners in your back yard, trips to Aspen, lunches at Riverbend and all the wonderful memories of the last 40 years not to mention your favorite saying, "Bite the Bullet."

Love, Adrienne Raven

Adrienne Raven - October 18, 2016 at 10:28 PM

DB

“ There are too many memories to list, but Bob will be forever in our hearts. He was a great brother, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

David & Mary Anne Burns - October 18, 2016 at 04:16 PM

TM

“ A man that we had so much respect for, both personally and professionally. Our sympathy to you Rory and your family. " Hugs"

Tom & Kate Montague - October 18, 2016 at 11:29 AM

KC

“ God bless you Bob, you were a wonderful friend. Prayers for you and your family.

Kerry Claytor - October 18, 2016 at 06:54 AM

LK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Burns family. So sorry for your loss.

Laura (Wilson) Kwilinski - October 17, 2016 at 07:28 PM

JG

“ Betsy and I send our condolences to the entire Burns' family...I always enjoyed Bob's quick wit in conversations with he and Rory while sharing dinner at Carder and Trisha's home...peace be with you all...

John A. Glynn - October 17, 2016 at 03:46 PM

SH

“ Mr. Burns...thank you for all you taught all of us in the title insurance business; you set the standard for all of us to follow.

Sara Parmenter Haskin - October 17, 2016 at 01:57 PM

LN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. While I did not know Bob well, I do know that he was a wonderful neighbor to my folks on the river for many years. We can take comfort knowing that now he is at peace.*

Lynette Niswander - October 17, 2016 at 11:24 AM

DK

“ *Bob, I remember the early days of our friendship with great fondness. Becky and I send our condolences to Rory and all the children. You are now at rest and peace and your family's long vigil is over. I hope there are sport motorcycles and snowy slopes in Heaven. And also perhaps an occasional argument or two.*

Dr Kenneth and Becky Kleyn - October 17, 2016 at 10:46 AM