

In Memoriam - Charlene F. Burbury

Charlene F. Burbury, mother of Rev. Catherine E. Burbury, wife of 62 years to Colonel (Retired) John L. Burbury passed into eternal life in Christ on Tuesday February 26, 2019 surrounded by her family after a debilitating stroke. Charlene was born on August 25, 1936 in Etna, Maine to John E & Alyce Ludden Hurlburt. She was one of 7 children, graduated from Newport (Me) High School in 1956 and attended yearly high school reunions each July.

Lt. John L. Burbury moved his family from Maine to Massachusetts when he transferred from the Maine Army National Guard to the Massachusetts Army National Guard where there were more opportunities for advancement.

Charlene & John raised 4 children, John (Susan), Carolee (Brian), Catherine (Susan) and James (Maureen). She was the proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Village Congregational Church, UCC, Whitinsville, Mass as well as a proud attender of two (independent) Baptist churches and the Salvation Army in Tampa, Florida.

Charlene & John's children lived in Massachusetts, Wisconsin & Florida, but as campers, square dancers, church members & attenders, and TOPS members, they created family wherever they went.

Charlene & John had decided that last summer would be their last to travel north in the summer and return to Florida in the winter with their RV. Next summer, they planned to just visit Massachusetts and Maine from the middle of June to the middle of August. As of now, John is still planning to make this trip.

A service of celebration and memory was held at the Open Door Baptist Church, Temple Terrace, Florida on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Pastor Bill Hein and Rev. Cathy Burbury shared the worship service. A memorial fund has been established and cards may be sent to Col. John L. Burbury, 3331 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, Fla 33541 or Rev. Cathy Burbury, 509 16th Ave, Monroe, Wi 53544.