



## William Michael Burns

May 5, 1950 - April 29, 2013

William Michael "Mike" Burns, age 62, of Greenbrier, TN entered into rest, Monday, April 29, 2013 at Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville, TN. A Celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, 4PM at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel with Dr. Fred Baldwin officiating.

Mike was born in Nashville, TN on May 5, 1950 to James Edward Burns and Mary Evelyn Robinson Burns. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Beau Burns.

Mike graduated from Madison High School in 1968 where he was the Co-captain of both the football and basketball teams. He graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1972 with a degree in Civil Engineering and was a member of Lambda Chi Fraternity. He was a Land Surveyor by profession for over 30 years. He loved his family and friends and took great delight in watching his grandsons play sports. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Debbie and they enjoyed going to TPAC, watching their favorite TV shows together, traveling and playing poker with their friends. He was a member and past president of the Lions Club. He coached boys' baseball and was a past Commissioner of the Baseball League. He loved to cook and spend time with his family. He was a man with a huge heart and was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by wife, Deborah Lynn Mahlke Burns, Greenbrier, TN; son & daughter-in-law, Michael & Melanie Burns, Greenbrier, TN; step-sons, David Weigand, SC, Stephen Weigand, Wheeling, WV; sisters, Patti (Mark)

Whisnant, Doniphan, MO, Tara (Brad) Farrell, Tampa, FL; grandsons, Bailey Burns, Wesley Burns, Joshua Weigand; Mother-in-law & Father-in-law, Katie & David L. Mahlke, Wheeling, WV.

Friends may visit with his family on Friday, May 3, 2013 from 5-8pm and on Saturday, May 4, 2013 prior to the Celebration of his life from 3-4pm at Austin and Bell Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel.

The family requests that contributions are made 'In Memory of Michael Burns' as a lasting memorial to charities that are in place to assist children: either Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, the Make a Wish Foundation or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, C/O Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Hwy 41 South, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ to my dearsest freind the time that mike you and my jimmy spent together was so special we had a wonderful connection deb we will always have one! prayers angels will always be close to us. luv ya susie

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**susie raab** - May 12, 2013 at 10:48 PM

MK

“ Mike will truly be missed, especially for us at the annual Mahlke picnic in Wheeling W. VA. His laughter, friendship, love of music but more importantly his love for Debbie are the things we will most remember. May God bless Debbie and give her HIS peace. Love, Mark and Barb2

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**Mark and Barb Knabe** - May 06, 2013 at 01:21 PM

BC

“ We played cards with Mike at the American Legion Post #82. We are so sorry for your loss Mike will truly be missed by the both of us.

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**Bill & Theresa Cogdill** - May 02, 2013 at 01:10 PM

JR

“ We would like to send our deepest sympathy to you Debbie and all the family. We loved Mike dearly. I remember him picking at me when we were at Wesley,s last Birthday party. I love you so much. If you need me I will be there. Go with God and he will go with you. Love always Carolyn and John Rowe

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**John and Carolyn Rowe** - May 02, 2013 at 10:35 AM

BR

“ *My sympathies go out to the family. Mike was a close high school buddy. He will be missed, my prayer's go out to Mike and to his family over his loss. I know he's gone home to be with the Lord and I will see him on the other side one day.*

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**Brian** - May 02, 2013 at 12:17 AM

PM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Mike in high school. He was always kind and just a really good guy.*

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**Peggy Hendricks Myers** - May 01, 2013 at 05:19 PM

PB

“ *I graduated the same year as Mike from Madison. Even though I had not seen him since graduation, I remember him as being a first class, great guy.*

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**Phil Butrum** - May 01, 2013 at 03:11 PM