



Roy Thomas Burns Sr.

May 22, 1937 - December 29, 2023

Roy Thomas Burns Sr. passed away on Friday December 29, 2023. He was born on May 22, 1937 to his parents Charley and Violet Burns.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his five brothers: Buster, Bob, Henry, Jackie, and his twin, Troy; and his great granddaughter, Kaylee.

Roy is survived by his ex-wife of 42 years, Shirley; his four children: Lana, Beverly (Don), Nola (Paul), and Roy Jr. (Kay); five grandchildren: Rusty (Bill), Brandy (Chris), Ashley (Joshua), Caitlin (Matthew) and Roy III (Haylee), four great grandchildren: Aubree, Rylee, Asher and Sawyer. Roy also leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

Professionally he was known as the best heavy equipment operator around. He owned and operated Roy Burns Excavating, even into his 80's, he was constantly approached to work his excavation magic for others. He was fearless; we have seen him work his machines on the sides of hills that no normal person would even attempt.

Personally Roy was a man who definitely marched to the beat of his own drum and could easily be described as the life of the party, never shying away from being the center of attention. To describe him as strong-willed would be

putting it mildly, he was stubborn as a mule. But every ounce of stubbornness could be matched by his generosity. He'd give you the shirt off his back or buy you a beer, whatever the situation called for. The stories that have been shared with us since his passing have been overwhelming and very heart warming.

Funeral Services for Roy will be 3:00pm Sunday January 7, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Pastor David Vickers officiating.

Friends may visit with the family an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

A private Family Graveside Service will be at Mount Vernon Cemetery Hurricane, WV at a later date.

Our family would like to thank everyone for the love and support during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, our family asks that you give your loved ones a hug as you never know when their time here on Earth will end and raise your choice of beverage to a toast to Roy and his Life.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Roy's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Burns family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Vernon Cemetery

2150 Mount Vernon Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
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Funeral Service

JAN 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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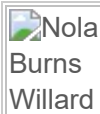
Tribute Wall

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“ Roy was a fine person and a good friend to our family. My deepest sympathies to the family.



Deborah Dent - January 06, 2024 at 02:01 PM

 Nola Burns Willard

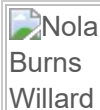
Thank you so much for your kind words. Our family appreciates it.

Nola Burns Willard - January 07, 2024 at 10:48 AM

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“ □ Our hearts are heavy as we say Goodbye to a long time friend and neighbor . So glad we had the pleasure of knowing you ❤️ From the family of Nancy Miller ... her daughter Tammy and husband Ski Tomaszewski Sons Danny and Brian Watson and wife Nancy .. May the Burns family find comfort with our Sympathy in that he brought such joy to so many ❤️ Roy Thanks for the memories from us all : 1: 🍷🍺💜

Tammy Watson Tomaszewski - January 06, 2024 at 11:17 AM

 Nola Burns Willard

Thank you so much for your kind words about our dad. We remember when he lived on Shaw Lane near Nancy.

Nola Burns Willard - January 07, 2024 at 10:49 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Photos & Videos



Nola Burns Willard - January 06, 2024 at 07:35 AM

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Our crazy dad took this buddy every where. Since it was street legal, he drove it on Route 60 to O'Casey's in Milton from Hurricane.

Nola Burns Willard - January 07, 2024 at 10:59 AM