



Lewis C. Burns

May 29, 1924 - November 17, 2019

Lewis C. Burns, age 95, of Bloomingdale, left to go be with his Lord and Savior on Nov. 17, 2019. He passed peacefully at his home surrounded by his loved ones. Lewis was born May 29, 1924 in Scotts, MI the son of Carl and Claire (Milliman) Burns. Lewis was a World War II veteran who served with the US Navy on the Medium Aircraft Carrier 445 and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. He used the GI Bill to attend Taylor University, taking a sabbatical to earn enough money to be able to complete his bachelor's degree in teaching. He taught in various schools including Scotts, Brandywine/Niles and Edwardsburg. He served as a guidance counselor at Bloomingdale Public Schools until his retirement in 1980. Among his many community activities, Lewis was active with the Van Buren County Youth Camp, the United Methodist Church, several Christian youth groups and home based Bible Studies. He proudly served on the Bloomingdale Board of Education many years, being instrumental in the planning and fruition of the new Bloomingdale High School Facilities. Lewis and Jean were married June 14th, 1957. They had natural children, Cheryl (Russell) Sullins and Craig (Jan) Burns. Another daughter, Hulda (Wilson) Gruenewald, joined the family in 1966. He is survived by his younger sister, Beatrice Ellis; 8 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, in 2019; and daughter, Hulda, in 2012. Lewis was active in the Bloomingdale Sports Programs with his wife Jean . He helped build the girls first practice softball field and was scoreboard keeper of home

girls and boys varsity basketball games for many years. Lewis will be remembered for his flower gardens, and always sending "Posies" home. Some of his "Posies" still grace the Bloomingdale High School Courtyard. The family will meet friends 4:30 – 6:00 PM Thursday at the Bloomingdale High School Auditorium, where the service will be 6:00 PM Thursday, November 21, with Jim Vukelich officiating. Interment will follow 11:00 AM Friday at Glendale Cemetery, Waverly Township. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Bloomingdale Christian Fellowship; 43395 6th Ave.; Bloomingdale, MI 49026; Bloomingdale Area Schools Foundation Scholarship; PO Box 217; Bloomingdale, MI 49026; or to Hospice of Southwest Michigan; 222 N. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 100; Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Glendale Cemetery

32640 CR 665
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington High School
629 E. Kalamazoo St.
Bloomington, MI

Service

NOV **21**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Julie Mermis lit a candle in memory of Lewis C. Burns*



Julie Mermis - November 22, 2019 at 04:57 PM

JM

“ *Lewie, I will never forget you. May you rest in peace and fly with the angels. My deepest sympathies go out to the family.*

Julie Mermis - November 22, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ *Lynn Ashbrook lit a candle in memory of Lewis C. Burns*



Lynn Ashbrook - November 22, 2019 at 10:03 AM

SE

“ *I met Mr Burns when my parents came to an event for one of my children and found out we were related. Good people.*

Sue Effner - November 19, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Lewis's passing. He was a man who touched the lives of so many people. After Roger and I were married I thought it was kind of neat that two of our teachers that we had at C-S were relatives of Roger's. Enjoyed visiting with him and Jean at family gatherings when Aunt Myra was here visiting. Roger and Sue Skidmore..

Sue Ann Skidmore - November 18, 2019 at 07:50 PM

RS

“ Wonderful man and family. Friends with Daughter Cheryl in school and loved Jean also. Thoughts and prayer with the family .

Roberta Matthes Stegenga - November 18, 2019 at 06:57 PM

MW

“ I remember growing up down the road and he would let us use his big hill were the cows were at one point to slide down. Plus him letting my dad and I hunt on his land...just to many memories to list.. He was a good caring person.

Mary Wendell-Shull - November 18, 2019 at 01:38 PM

CB

A group of us from the church group went sliding down their hill in the winter. And Mrs. burn frid corn fritters.

cheryl blackman - November 18, 2019 at 06:17 PM

DF

“ Very fond memories of him as our counselor at Bloomingdale middle/high school.

Deb Fleetwood - November 18, 2019 at 11:08 AM

DH

“ *What a great guy he showed myself and my husband such love and kindness he will always be in our thoughts Rest In Peace aloha and prayers the Henry's*

DeeAnna and Eldon Henry - November 18, 2019 at 07:05 AM