



## William "Bill" Burris

September 13, 1946 - June 30, 2023

Frankfort – William Shirley Burris, age 76, passed away on Friday, June 30, 2023. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Bill Kincaid officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Military Honors will be observed at the gravesite by the VFW Post 4075. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. service time on Tuesday.

Born in Lexington to Edwin and Bettie Mae Dalzell Burris on September 13, 1946, he spent his early years living in Paris before moving to Frankfort at the age of ten. His teenage years culminated in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Awhile attending Eastern Kentucky University, he joined the ROTC program. Upon graduation, he received his commission in the United States Army, eventually retiring with the rank of Captain.

He married the love of his life, Jane, in 1968. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in London, England and were looking forward to their 55th anniversary in August.

In addition to his wife, Jane, he is survived by his son, Michael Bradley Burris (Rachel) and granddaughter, Isabel Burris.

Mr. Burris was a member of Highland Christian Church, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Kasilof, Alaska.

He worked with the Unemployment Insurance program for over 50 years.

Upon retirement from Kentucky State Government, he did consulting work in

that field. He worked with the US Department of Labor designing and developing the Resource Justification Model, the budget system for administering the entire nation's Unemployment Insurance program. He helped establish HeiTech Services, Inc. serving as Director of Workforce Security. From 2000 to present, he consulted with over 20 states UI programs. He was an avid fan of University of Kentucky basketball. He was a member of the Committee of 101 for 30 years. His fishing habit took him to Panama City Beach, Florida for years, until he discovered Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. He spent 20 summers salmon and halibut fishing there. He and Jane loved to travel, visiting over 70 countries, all seven continents and all 50 states. Serving as pallbearers will be Burl Lovell, Jim Lovell, Brad Noel, Steve Skelton, Andy Hudgins, and Paul VanWinkle. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy made to Bluegrass Hospice Care. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-2403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 18.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Service

**JUL 18.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Burris*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Bill was always up beat and wonderful to work with. We will miss him.*

**Mark and Hope Wilden** - July 18, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Condolences to and prayers for his family. And, thank you Bill for your service. God bless and RIP.*

**Janet Snider** - July 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *I am sad to hear of Bill's passing. I moved to Frankfort in 1985 and worked with Bill at Unemployment Insurance at the CHR building. My prayers go out to the family.  
Cyndi Patrick*



**CYNDI PATRICK** - July 12, 2023 at 07:19 AM



“ *My serious condolences to you Jane and your family. I know Bill loved his fishing and remember some our excursions to catch the wile old fish back in the day. Never did it cross my mind that the last time I would see him was at our reunion. May God give you the strength to get thru your sorrow.*

**Tom Young** - July 11, 2023 at 01:11 PM

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*Jane, many condolence wishes to you and the family. Billy was my lab partner in Physics at FCHS. I would have never passed without his help...a thing I had to do to get into my nursing school. I will always be grateful to him. Prayers for strength in the coming days.*

Sharon Patrick Clark - July 13, 2023 at 12:23 PM

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*Love and prayers, Sharon*

Sharon Patrick Clark - July 13, 2023 at 12:26 PM

DW

*Worked in state government and the Committee of 101 with Bill. Sorry to hear this*

Dean Wilson - October 01, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - July 10, 2023 at 04:01 PM

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“ Jane and Michael, we are so sorry about Bill's passing. We did not know that he was ill and hope you will take comfort from wonderful memories. He was always so kind to our family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Keith and Carla Hawkins and family*

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**Carla Hawkins** - July 06, 2023 at 11:10 PM

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*Michael, I'm so sorry about the loss of your father. My deepest condolences to you and your family. In case you don't remember I'm David's grandmother. I also fondly remember your grandmother through my friendship with Emma Jean Stucker. May peace and comfort be with you all in the days ahead.*

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**Florence Johnson** - July 10, 2023 at 12:23 PM