



## David W. Burnsed

September 8, 1942 - April 1, 2021

David William Burnsed, M.D., 78, of Leesburg, FL died Thursday, April 1, 2021 in Leesburg. David was born in Jacksonville, FL to James Dewey Burnsed and Marie Rowe Burnsed and grew up in Glen Saint Mary, FL. After graduating valedictorian from Baker County High School, he received a Bachelors of Science in Physics from University of Florida, where he also pursued his medical degree. After graduating from medical school, David completed a surgical internship at the University of Kentucky Medical Center Lexington. In 1968 he joined the U.S. Air Force as a member of the Medical Corps and a flight surgeon stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. In July 1971 he began his surgical residency at the University of Arkansas where he served as Chief Resident three years later. After completing his residency in 1975, he moved to Leesburg to start a surgical practice and join the medical staff of Leesburg Regional Medical Center (LRMC), a position he held for over 46 years. David became a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1978. He held a variety of positions at LRMC to include Secretary, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the medical staff, as well as a member of the LRMC Board of Directors for 13 years. David was an accomplished artist and classical pianist.

David was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dewey Burnsed. He is survived by his wife of 49 ½ years, Nan North Burnsed; sisters Irma Green and Jeanette (Ed) Brown; sister-in-law Lynn Reeves; son Benjamin (Ashley) Burnsed of Conway, Arkansas; daughter Anne (Thomas) Pellerin of Saint

Germain en Laye, France; grandchildren Ian, Luke, Jacob, Arthur, Annabelle, and Owen.

A Memorial Service will be held at Morrison Methodist Church, 1005 W. Main St., Leesburg on Saturday, April 10 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Forward Paths, P.O. Box 492109, Leesburg, Florida 34749.

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Burnsed many times at TVRH. He was a great surgeon as well as a kind and caring man. He will certainly leave a void behind. He was one of the best Doctor's I ever worked with in my 38 year career. May he RIP. Prayers for his family.

Lenora Askee - April 11, 2021 at 07:41 AM

RL

“ The tribute that Anne and Ben made was so beautiful. They did a wonderful job. A very moving and nice funeral. So good to see you all last Sunday.

Ruth Lockett - April 10, 2021 at 04:49 PM

MT

“ I had the pleasure to meet Dr. Burnsed while training to be a CNA. He was so thoughtful and caring in educating the students during our rotations. We were so impressed that he spent time teaching us. My sympathies to the family.

Mary Templeton - April 09, 2021 at 09:10 PM

MF

“ Dear Nan and family. We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

MARY MELANSON and Family - April 09, 2021 at 07:38 PM

JZ

“ Ed and I always felt that Dr. Burnsed was truly one of the good guys. So sorry for your loss.

Jo Zimmerman - April 09, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ I met Dr. Burnsed and his family on a cruise on New Year's Eve 1998. The whole family was so welcoming and kind that it immediately felt like I had known them for years. I visited the Burnseeds later in 1999 in Florida. Once again, their welcoming nature and hospitality were beyond expectations. While talking with Dr. Burnsed, I found a kindred spirit for art and creativity. He was a talented artist himself as well as a pianist. How many talents this man had! To be gifted with the ability to heal as well as to draw, paint, write and make music is just amazing! He was also such an inspiring person as well as someone who would encourage others and lift them up. Definitely one of a kind.

I had the distinct pleasure of working on a book with Dr. Burnsed. He had decided to write a children's book (yet another talent!) and, for whatever reason, chose me to help him illustrate that book. Now, I was reluctant to do this. Not because I didn't want to work on this book, but because I sincerely doubted my abilities to be able to draw the illustrations. Well, in true Dr. Burnsed fashion, he would encourage me, give me inspiration, and just be SO patient with me. This book took me something like 2 years to finish because I was so doubtful of my abilities! Yet Dr. Burnsed NEVER gave up on me! Why would he put so much effort into encouraging me and gently pushing me into getting out of my comfort zone to, perhaps, do something extraordinary? I think it was just in his nature to help others find their confidence and to inspire them to be bigger, better, and more than they ever thought they could be. Well, the book was finished, but never published due to both of us not quite understanding the best way to get that accomplished. But I will always have the memories of the numerous calls that we had together as well as the letters/faxes we shared.

I think that Dr. Burnsed was one of the few people I have had the pleasure to meet in my lifetime that truly lived a Christ-like life; always trying to help others in some way. I know he will be dearly missed by his family, but he will add so many friends to the list of those who will miss him as well. I will miss his sweet southern drawl,

*his lovely laughter, and his kind words. What a uniquely wonderful and amazing human being he was! The world is a better place for his having been here.*

*I will miss you dearly, Dr. Burnsed (never could quite bring myself to call you David!). Rest easy my friend, and please send me some of your beautifully painted sunrises, sunsets, and gorgeous bearded irises you love so much! I will look for them and know they are a sign that my dear friend is still painting in heaven.*

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**Cheryl Kopp** - April 09, 2021 at 11:48 AM

CF

“ *Our sincere condolences to Nan and Ben, Anne, and their wonderful families. Dr. Burnsed was such an amazing friend and kind-hearted man. We will miss him dearly.*

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**Cheryl Kopp & Family** - April 09, 2021 at 11:16 AM

TM

“ *Dave was my Gross Anatomy partner at U. of F. College of Medicine we had many conversations. I spent a weekend with him and his parents (wonderful people) in Glen St. Mary while in medical school. Dave was a humble and lovable person. I pray that the Peace of the Lord will be with his family now and always.*

*Terrell*

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**Terrell Bounds M.D.** - April 08, 2021 at 10:31 AM

BB

“ we are both so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. Dave was in Terrell's Medical school class of 1967 at U. of Florida. Dave was a fine person then and years later when we moved to Tavares we were able to enjoy his presence again. He will be sorely missed by all who know him. Our prayers to Nan & the Family. God Bless you all. Bev Bounds

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**Beverly & Terrell Bounds** - April 07, 2021 at 05:01 PM

NT

“ Dear Nan and Family. I am so very sorry for your loss. David has been one of the finest men and physicians I have ever known. He will be missed terribly as I am sure you are already doing. We all know that he is in a better place now and can watch over all of us. He sure took good care of me when I needed his medical help. God Bless David and God Bless you and your family. Nancy Taylor

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**Nancy Taylor** - April 07, 2021 at 03:07 PM

GS

“ Truly, my condolences to Nan and family. I shall remember David for his kindness.

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**Genevra Jodie Soule** - April 07, 2021 at 08:44 AM

LM

“ Dr. Burnsed was one of our favorite doctors here at the hospital. He will be missed and much loved. our condolences to his family. A truly wise and compassionate man.

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**Louella Madden** - April 07, 2021 at 05:46 AM

SW

“ Saved my life 18 years ago. Very caring and great surgeon. Prayers to his family. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Sharon Ward - April 06, 2021 at 10:49 PM

AL

“ Dear Nan and family,  
God Bless you all and I know he will be so missed.  
I always loved working for him.  
He always treated me so very nice and so did you, Nan

anne lyons - April 06, 2021 at 03:51 PM

DB

“ We were shocked to hear of David's passing...he will be missed for sure. What a talented man he was. Dan loved his sense of humor.  
Know that we are thinking of you Nan.  
Hugs  
D & D

Dan and Debbie Boone - April 06, 2021 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ David was a good friend from the first time we met and worked together. I will miss our get-togethers outside the hospital, where we always seemed to solve the world's problems, and then have a cigar and a drink. I will miss him.

Scott Shapiro - April 04, 2021 at 06:00 PM

BP

“ *Dr. Burnsed was a fine man and an excellent surgeon. He did carotid artery surgery on me and contributed to saving my life of which I am eternally grateful. May God bless him and welcome him into His Kingdom.*

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**Betty S. Paige** - April 04, 2021 at 02:20 PM

DG

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Nan, and the family. We are so grieved by this loss. What a wonderful soulmate you have lost for now, but you will see him again in heaven! Love to you, Duane and Donna*

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**Duane and Donna Goodwin** - April 03, 2021 at 05:19 PM

JM

“ *My sincere condolences. His time on earth blessed us all. May there be peace in your hearts to fill the sorrow there now. He will be missed.*

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**Judi Milstead** - April 03, 2021 at 03:08 PM

CL

“ *David was a special man and will be greatly missed. You will be in our prayers.*

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**Carolyn Lester** - April 03, 2021 at 12:31 PM

SP

“ *Dear Nan and family. Marybeth and I were so sad to hear of David's passing. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and medical doctor. He will be greatly missed. You and your family are in our prayers.*

*Best. Steve Pullum*

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**Steve Pullum** - April 02, 2021 at 08:00 PM