



Irvin Ambrose Burton

August 7, 2016

Obituary of Irvin Burton, Jr

Irvin - Irv - Burton departed this life for his heavenly home on August 7th, 2016. He was 94 years old. He was born in Louisville, KY., and lived in -or near - Louisville for 50 years, moving to Ft. Myers , Florida in 1970. He moved to Lady Lake in 1992.

Irv was predeceased by wife Jacquelyn Clark Burton and survived by his four sons - James Allen, Christopher Lee, Nathan Roy and Thomas Steven; one stepson, Thane Beehler, Jr. and one stepdaughter, Suzanne Beehler; 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

In Louisville, Irv became an accomplished violinist, and, following World War II he became owner of a printing firm. He was an Elder and Lay Pastor in Louisville, and continued preaching when he moved to Ft. Myers. In Lady Lake he became an Elder in the North Lake Presbyterian Church, and became the first Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Central Florida Presbytery. In 1995 he began a seven year pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood. Following this, he returned to the North Lake Church and assumed the duties of Pastoral Care Minister, a task which he loved with all his heart.

Irv had a real zest for life. He always said that when he died, he "wanted to be all used up". His church was always his first priority. He was an avid reader. He loved music. He loved plants and animals, and spent endless hours puttering in the soil.

A memorial service will be held at North Lake Presbyterian Church on Monday August 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM. A Graveside service will follow at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL at 12:30 PM. Memorial gifts may be made to "North Lake Presbyterian Church - Operation Homebound".

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

JB

“*###GESTURE###*”

Jeannine Beehler - August 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*Irvin, Irv, Grandpa, Dad. We are now on this Earth without him, as he is in Heaven with his parents and Jackie. He was such a loving, helpful and protective husband. He has missed her so. I knew Irv when he was a printer and a choir member who moved on to become a much-loved-by-all minister. He was computer savvy, despite his years. He kept up with all things new, while fondly remembering his past. He was a proud veteran. Always serving. Irv helped Skip move us several times over the years. He pointed out that a new place would feel like home after you had your belongings there. He played the organ while teaching our young daughter, Karen, the joy of singing. Irv played games with her too. Ever the doting Grandpa. Loving and attentive. Irv timed my contractions while I was in labor with Ray. He and Jackie kept me company until Skip could get off work to take me to the hospital. A few days later, I placed our 2 DAY OLD son, Ray, in his arms while I went to nap the day I was released from the hospital, knowing he was in the best hands. Irv's great-grandchildren knew and reciprocated his love also. Irv never had an unkind word for anybody. He brought gardening, song, laughter and love to everybody. He also had a great sense of humor, putting everyone at ease, having us all laughing at his jokes. He loved Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First?". He loved trains. Irv loved God. Irv used every one of the senses, talents and gifts that God gave him to be loving, kind, and helpful to everybody. He was an excellent listener and nurturer. He gave the best advice. Irv was understanding and kind. He truly cared. And we truly cared for Irv. We love him and will miss him very much. Heaven now has the best. Jeannine Beehler*”

Jeannine Beehler - August 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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MK

“ *Came to love and admire Irv while volunteering with him at Operation Homebound. He was such a joy to be around and an amazing role model for people of all ages.*

Mary Beth Kensell - August 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *To the Family of Reverend Burton: My wife and I are so blessed for the friendship and Faith of Irv. He will be missed; however, we are thankful that because of our Faith we will meet Irv and Jacquie again when we join them in heaven.*

John Stene - August 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Irv, What a joy it has been to be a small part of your life. You were a shining example of God's plan for the life we are to lead. Your love of others, your laughter that you shared, always caring for others. Seems strange but I loved to attend the funerals where you shared God's word and gave comfort to the family. I always told you I wanted you to speak at mine, guess I will have to wait to hear you again. Thank you to Irv's family for sharing your father, grandfather with so many of us for so many years and Irv thank you for blessing John and I. Our love to the family and we will miss saying goodbye as we will be out of town. Becky & John Bros*

John and Becky Bros - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Irv had many qualities that would inspire you. A quick mind and wonderful sense of humor which could be witnessed by making a hospital call with him or being in need of a word of encouragement. We were blessed to have been able to have walked the journey have life together and made better because of knowing Irv. Dave and Lola Payton

David and Lola Payton - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Pastor Irv was such a wonderful person and we really enjoyed working with him at Homebound....He was quite an inspiration and will be missed.

Jim & JoAnne Kiger - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Irv was a great man and one of our very best friends. We will miss him greatly and his memory will always be precious. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the family.

Stan & Leslie O'Loughlin - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Irvin Ambrose Burton

Anne Burton - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ To add to our thoughts. We joked that Irv was my "role model" but in a very real sense that was and is true. His legacy will live inside many hearts for years to come.

Stan & Leslie O'Loughlin - August 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ One of my favorite people. Know he joins his lovely wife, but, he will be missed. A real down to earth kind of guy. RIP my friend

Janet Rath - August 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Pastor Irv, I know you are at peace with your beloved Jackie and you will certainly be making music in heaven. To your family, know that Irv had a special place in the hearts of those you spent your life ministering to. Gods blessings to you all

Linda brown - August 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Irvin Ambrose Burton

August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ His love and legend will live on in the hearts of those that were honored to know him.

Lisa Lawrence - August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM