



John Allen Burch Jr

September 20, 1929 - March 18, 2015

John Allen Burch Jr, 85, of Charlotte, died Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at Novant Medical Center in Matthews.

John was born in Lynchburg, VA, on September 20, 1929, the son of John Allen Burch Sr and Lillian Douglas Hall. He graduated from Montvale High School and answered his country's call to service in the United States Marine Corp. He spent his life in sales and service for material handling products with his last 20 years at Wrenn Handling. On September 2, 1950, he married Esther Thompson in Blue Ridge, Virginia, and together they moved to Charlotte in 1963.

John enjoyed many things in life. When his sons decided to join the Scouts, he volunteered his own time and went on to become the Scoutmaster of Troop 173, "the best small troop Charlotte ever saw". John was proud of the fact that over a dozen scouts went on to become Eagle Scouts. He spent 15 years as a Scoutmaster and even after his son's left the program, remained active with the Scouts. Continuing to give to the youth, he spent over 10 years as a coach for the Pop Warner Football League with the East Mecklenburg Optimist Club. John used his God given talents in honor of his Lord as a proud member of the family of Sharon Forest Baptist Church. He gave of his talents as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, deacon, and head cook for the Brotherhood Breakfast. Most of all, John loved the time spent with family and friends and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

John is survived by his wife of over 64 years, Esther; five children: Melinda

(Scott) Rossi of Cary, NC, Chip Burch of Jacksonville, NC, Chuck (Franki) Burch of Boiling Springs, NC, Mary Ellen (Chip) Stuart of Warner Robins, GA, and David (Sarah) Burch of Reston, Virginia; thirteen grandchildren: Jennifer, Amy, Patrick, Tammy, Travis, Danielle, Amy, Katie, Abbie, Austin, Kelley, Ryan, and Madison; and four great grandchildren: Jenna, William, Bailey, and Hudson. He is further survived by one sister, Ann Seddon, and numerous other family and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bobby, in 2000; and a brother, Bill.

John's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for them at this time. Services honoring the life and blessing of John will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, March 21, in the chapel of the funeral home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12 noon until time of service. Following the service, John will be taken in formal procession to his final place of earthly rest at Sunset Memory Gardens, Charlotte, where a military tribute will be held.

In honor of John's service to others, the family would appreciate memorials and time to Hearts and Hammers at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. You can find them online at <http://www.myhickorygrove.org/livesent/hearts-hammers/>

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Allen Burch Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *John Allen Burch Jr*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

PS

“ Dear Aunt Esther, Melinda, Chip, Chuck, Mary Ellen and David: I was so sorry to learn of Uncle John's passing Wednesday evening from my mother. I would give anything to be able to be in North Carolina tomorrow for the funeral and to be there to support each of you. I wanted to share some of the memories I have of Uncle John and the times we shared together as a family over the years. The first thing that naturally came to mind was our many get-together's around Christmas time at the "Fish Camp." I can't imagine they ever made any money on our families with only 6 paying adults and 11 kids eating free between the 2 Burch and Seddon families. I remember how sad Uncle John was the last time we attempted to eat there only to find out they had closed. Perhaps all the 'freebie' meals over the years finally caught up with them. I also thought about how much I looked forward to visiting The 'Charlotte' Burches and spending time with my cousins. I remember thinking your house was so cool (literally) because you guys had air conditioning and our house in Virginia did not. I also looked forward to having 4 brothers while we visited to play sports with and against. Then there was the talk of the 'Skins and watching an episode or two of Starsky and Hutch. But I specifically remember the awesome meals Uncle John and Aunt Esther would prepare while we visited. I've never had a better breakfast anywhere, regardless of the restaurant or venue. And it seemed like each time we were there Uncle John had found a new sausage to share with us that was his new favorite. It's neat to see that he continued to share his love for and gift of cooking for large groups of people throughout his life at his church. Another memory I have of Uncle John is at the reunions we started having every other summer about 20 years ago at Camp Alta Mons in Shawsville, Virginia. I always enjoyed being around Uncle John and Uncle Bill and my mother and listening to their conversations. It was always evident how much love and respect they had for one another. It was also priceless seeing Uncle John and Uncle Bill needle one another during their croquet matches and horseshoe throwing contests. I don't think either one of them much enjoyed losing at anything to the other! I also remember how much Uncle John (and Uncle Bill for that matter) enjoyed the homemade ice

cream and brown sugar pies we had for dessert. A final memory I have of Uncle John is from when my dad and I went to a Promise Keepers conference many years ago at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Of course Uncle John and Aunt Esther opened their home to dad and I to stay with them and feed us. It was neat having a more adult conversation with Uncle John at that time as I was older, which was different from when I was younger and was more interested in playing with my cousins. After my wife, Christine, and I were commissioned as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Convention, we would send out prayer updates from Livingston, Montana several times a year, and it was very rare that we didn't get back a timely and encouraging message from Uncle John. He brightened up more than one of my days when I found myself in a valley. And it is a testimony to the man and father he was to his wife and children by the accomplishments by each of his children once they left home and went out on their own. Although I didn't get to see Uncle John very often later in his life, I thought about him often...of the example he set for others by the way he led his life and by what was important to him. While each of us will miss him dearly, I know my life is richer for having known him and I know he is in the presence of Jesus, no doubt singing as he so loved to do. Each of you are in my prayers during this difficult time, and I hope and pray that I will have the opportunity to see each of you soon. God bless each of you. Your cousin in Montana, Paul Seddon and family.

Paul Seddon - March 21, 2015 at 10:26 AM

DR

“ I remember John as Sunday School teacher, featured choir member, supporting the youth and heading up Sharon Forest Softball team. He was a gifted leader, speaker, teacher and singer. He was my Dad's Sunday school teacher and spoke at my father's funeral. He worked on my Son's Eagle Scout Project even though Chris was with a different troop. He helped with the building of the Sharon Forest Baptist Church, planting trees and doing a multiple of jobs at the church.

What great memories we have of this wonderful man. I feel honored to have known John. He gave so much to the community and church. My Family prays for your comfort in this time of loss. We know that John was proud of his family and we know you will call upon these wonderful memories of an outstanding father to help you through this difficult time.

Respectfully, Allen and Dale Robinson

Dale Robinson - March 20, 2015 at 08:18 PM

WD

“ I have a lot great memories playing softball for Mr. Burch at Sharon Forest. God's Blessings to the Burch family - Wyatt Dunn.

Wyatt Dunn - March 20, 2015 at 06:38 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Allen Burch Jr.



March 20, 2015 at 04:11 PM

SH

“*Esther, Melinda, Chuck, Chip, MaryEllen, David, grand and great grand children: Heartfelt sympathy to all of you during this sad time. I pray that you will be comforted by happy memories of your beloved husband, father, mentor and friend who will be missed. May your heavy hearts mend quickly by memories you all hold dear so that your tears will turn to smiles when you think of him. Love to all, Sue*



Sue Hattersley - March 20, 2015 at 02:35 PM



“*Divine Light was purchased for the family of John Allen Burch Jr.*



March 20, 2015 at 12:50 PM

EH

“*Esther and family....we are so very sorry for your loss. John was a special and selfless man. Our Eric, one of John's many Eagle Scouts, is in Beijing, teaching a couple of weeks for UNC. He texted this: "Oh, that is sad news, and I'm very upset not to be able to attend the funeral. He was an important person in my life - my first Scoutmaster. Please convey to the family how much he meant to me..." Love, Elfi & Bill Houck*

Elfi and Bill Houck - March 20, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of John Allen Burch Jr.*



March 20, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Allen Burch Jr.*



March 20, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Allen Burch Jr.*



March 20, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ *I remember Mr. Burch from the neighborhood growing up. To all the family, I pray that God's loving arms wrap around you and show you a peace that surpasses all understanding.*

Sandi Grill (nee Rimmer) (Sharon Forest neighborhood)

Sandi Grill - March 20, 2015 at 09:20 AM

DP

“ Hello Burch family, We are sorry for your loss. Praying that God will bless you with many loving memories of your dad. We think of your family often and miss Bob always! God bless you all, Love Bobby & Debbie Pulley

debbie pulley - March 20, 2015 at 09:00 AM