



Edwin K. Burford Jr.

November 24, 1933 - April 13, 2021

Edwin K. Burford Jr., M.D., 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at his home.

Dr. Burford was born November 24, 1933 in Doniphan, Missouri to Edwin K. Burford Sr. and Anna Ruth Whitfield Burford.

He and the former Carol Sue Richmond were married June 10, 1956 at the United Methodist Church in Advance, Missouri.

He was educated in the Doniphan, Missouri Public Schools graduating high school as the co-valedictorian, attended the University of Missouri in Columbia and received his medical degree from Washington University St. Louis in 1958, where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, and received the Evarts Graham Surgical Award. He interned at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. and then served in the United States Air Force Medical Corps until 1963 when he entered private practice as a family physician in Cape Girardeau. In 1977 he became Medical Director of Emergency Services at Saint Francis Medical Center in which capacity he served until his retirement in 1988.

Dr. Burford was a member of the Cape Girardeau County Area Medical Society, Missouri State Medical Association, American Medical Association,

American Academy of Family Physicians and American College of Emergency Physicians. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice. He was a past speaker of the House of Delegates of the Missouri State Medical Association, and past president of the Cape Girardeau County Area Medical Society. During his term as president he was instrumental in bringing emergency medical services to Cape Girardeau. He was a past trustee and member of the executive committee of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri. He was the plant physician at the Cape Girardeau Procter and Gamble plant from its beginning until his retirement.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau, where he was an elder and sang in the chancel choir.

Dr. Burford and his wife traveled extensively around the globe and were both avid skiers. He authored a small book on skiing technique. He was an instrument rated private pilot and a member of the Cape Girardeau Pilots Club. He also enjoyed piano playing and often provided special music at his church.

He is survived by his wife; son, David R. (Stephanie) Burford of Silverthorne, Colorado; daughter, Grace Anne Lawson of Powhatan, Virginia; grandson, Christopher (Allison) Burford; granddaughter, Samantha Burford; and a brother, J. Whitfield (Janet) Burford of Cape Girardeau.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ruth Peyton Harris; and a grandson, Nicholas Burford.

Service are pending.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 477, Cape Girardeau, MO 63702 or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, www.ll

s.org.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Mrs. B, praying for you(and your family) today...I thought so much of your husband, worked with(for) him in the ER in the 1980's..A total Pro in every sense of the word...
Able to “drop in” and visit him over the years since, 3-4 times...Enjoyed him as a person...couple weeks ago, when I saw you both were in Rm#8 of the ED, the thing I will remember...When he told me “Bob, it’s never good when your GP calls you at home before 0800”...and he said it with a slight smile, that level of cool under pressure...Even when it was about him...What a fantastic physician and a beautiful man..... Your pain, you’ll carry the rest of your days, but also the remarkable moments of his life, So well lived.....Your Friend, Bob Parr

Robert Parr - April 21, 2021 at 10:04 AM

SB

“ My deepest condolences David for the loss of your Dad. Prayers and thoughts go to all of your family. May the remembrance of the happy times give everyone peace at this difficult time.
Sharon Blaine

Sharon Blaine - April 18, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edwin K. Burford Jr..



April 17, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JU

“ Dear Sue and family
So sorry to hear of Dr. Burford passing. He was a great physician and I enjoyed all the years in the ER working with him. Many fond memories.

June.oxford - April 16, 2021 at 08:54 PM

JC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Ed was such a great person, he will live on in our memories forever. We will be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers as you remember Ed's remarkable life. God bless you and comfort you, The Trouts and The Kenny Family

Jamee Cox - April 16, 2021 at 07:49 AM

JH

“ To Sue and family.....Jerre and I were so sad to learn of Ed's death. He was a great peer, friend and "ski instructor". When we returned to Cape for me to start practice in 1984 Ed was one of the "older" physicians that I remembered as a youth and it was a great honor for me to be a peer to these men. We are sorry for your loss, but happy for Ed's transition to his heavenly life. John/Jerre Hall

john hall - April 15, 2021 at 10:39 PM

HH

“ Dear Sue and Family,
While your loved one is experiencing joys we can't imagine, we are praying that your faith will bring strength for each new day, and that the wonderful memories you shared will also bring much comfort.
God's love and ours,
Harold and Jeanine Hager

Harold and Jeanine Hager - April 15, 2021 at 01:21 PM

JM

Dear Sue and Family,

I was so saddened to see this morning's news of the passing of my dear cousin "Eddie". Please know, though we have had little contact in the last few years, he has always been very dear to me. You will be in my thought and prayers.

Jerry Burford McAninch

Jerry Burford McAninch - April 16, 2021 at 12:24 PM