



Robert "Doug" Burton

July 3, 1932 - February 15, 2021

Robert Douglas Burton was born on July 3, 1932 to Perry and Nancy (McCulley) Burton in Redlands, CA. He passed away from this life on February 15, 2021.

As a young boy, he loved hunting with his grandfather in Utah. His grandparents and Aunt were a key role to making him the man he would become. He loved the art of photography, taking beautiful pictures of outdoor scenery and developing black and white photos himself.

He was introduced to a beautiful young lady named Phyllis Pope by her cousin Harold Kirk, while he was serving in the military. They dated for several years as he attended Cal Poly Pomona. Once he received his degree, they married on November 24, 1959 in San Bernardino, CA. They moved to Hollister, CA in 1962 and started their family. They had 2 children; Jeffrey Harold Burton (born 1962) and Lynda Lorraine (Burton) McKinley (born 1966). He worked hard to provide for his family. He was quality Control Manager at Smuckers in Salinas, CA for several years. He then moved the family to Kingsburg, CA in 1985 and became the Quality Control Manager at Sun Maid Raisins. After retirement, he spent his time with his wife at their cabin in Shaver Lake; reading, hiking, and canoeing.

He loved elephants due to their intelligence and family unity, which were key traits for himself. He was quite the conversationalist with family, friends, and even complete strangers.

Sadly, he lost his wife after 55 years of marriage on August 25, 2015. He is

survived by his son and daughter, Jeff Burton and Lynda McKinley.

There will be a Celebration of Life service on March 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Kingsburg, CA at Salser and Dillard Creighton Chapel, 1588 Lincoln St. In lieu of flowers, please contribute your donations to The Elephant Sanctuary, 27 East Main St. / P.O. Box 393 Hohenwalt, TN 38462.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel
1588 Lincoln Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631
(559) 897-2908
<https://www.creightonchapel.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ Doug Burton... wonderful, kind, compassionate and gentle man.

Our "trails" met years ago when I worked at Kingsburg Veterinary Clinic. He would come in with his beloved dog "Opal" and while waiting to see the vet we had the chance to visit. I was very impressed by his love for family, friends and life itself.

After the passing of "Opal", I would see Doug sitting in the Starbucks patio. I would park my car and walk over and, once again, visit with him. Always put a smile in my heart.

After his loving wife, Phyllis , went to be with our Lord, I could see how much he grieved for her...for the rest of his life. It comforts me to know he is now in Heaven with God, his precious Phyllis and sweet "Opal".

Rest In Peace, Doug;

"A special life gives us memories and memories live forever"

Nancy McCall - February 28, 2021 at 06:10 PM

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“ Mary Weatherill, Wendy and Lee Nerli purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Robert "Doug" Burton.



Mary Weatherill, Wendy and Lee Nerli - February 22, 2021 at 02:40 PM