



David "Sonny" Burris

April 11, 1943 - October 30, 2022

David Andrew "Sonny" Burris of Millington, MD passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022 at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. He was 79.

Sonny was born April 11, 1943 in Chestertown, MD the son of the late James Burris Sr. and Elizabeth "Johnson" Burris. After graduating from Garnett High School in 1961 he went straight to work for Vita Foods. Sonny worked for Campbell Soup and General Foods before joining the Local 199. In the late 1970's he started working at the Delaware City Refinery where he worked until retirement in 2002. Sonny was a Lifetime resident of Millington and a member of Asbury John Wesley United Methodist Church. Sonny enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching wrestling and Westerns on TV, playing Solitaire and Pinnacle, spending time with his family and attending family events. He also enjoyed planting flowers and traveling around town on his lawnmower. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Calvin and James Jr.

Sonny is survived by his wife of 57 years, Hilda Burris of Millington, MD, three daughters, Juanita Burris of Dover, DE, Michele Somerville of Chestertown, MD, Angela Burris of Bear, DE, one son, Daman Graves of Millington, MD, one sister, Margaret Wilson of Raleigh, NC, ten grandchildren, Gary, Shamiya, David, Gregory Jr., Daja, Gabriella, Catherine, Daman Jr., Keyshawn and Gianna, seven great grandchildren, Daniel, Xavier, Makena, Gia, Garren, Xavier B., and Liani, and three aunts, Martina Jeff, Virginia Wilson and

Jeanette Johnson.

A visitation will be held Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 9am- 12pm at the Chestertown Baptist Church in Chestertown, MD. Services will begin at 12 noon at the church. Interment will follow the service in Chesterville Cemetery in Millington, MD.

Cemetery Details

Chesterville Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church
401 Morgnec Road
Chestertown, MD

Service

NOV 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church
401 Morgnec Road
Chestertown, MD

Burial

NOV 12.

Chesterville Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 09, 2022 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ *Hello Daddy well its been a long 3 years without you, but life must go on... I miss you everyday, some days are harder than others....Sometimes I see myself laughing and other times I'm crying about a memory... You and mommy taught us so much about being independent and getting things done when we need to... I just miss that big smile and the bear hugs....We still got Mommy always....Love you and missing you like crazy....The oldest Juanita.*

Juanita Burris - November 04, 2025 at 08:44 AM

AN

“ *Dad,
Happy Heavenly 82nd birthday . You are truly missed, you were definitely a man of your word and had our backs. I know God makes no mistakes. He saw that you were tired and gave you your wings. Until we meet again love your baby girl.*



angela - April 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM

JB

“ Hello Daddy I should of did this earlier but my mind wasn't right and it still isn't, where did the time go it's already been 2 years, believe me I felt every minute and second of it, missing you like crazy....We all spent the day with Mommy on the day that God called you home.... I miss the talks, laughs, and just that Fatherly Love that you always gave us.....What a Blessing it was for me to be your daughter, I truly miss you Daddy and so does Mommy, you was the Rock of the Family and you kept us all guarded and loved and its truly missed but you also taught us to keep going even through the tough times and we are.....Well Daddy I will try to keep my head up and I know you're our Guardian Angel watching over us....So until we meet again Love you and never ever forgottten, always in my heart....Love you Daddy, your oldest daughter, Juanita.....

Juanita Burris - November 19, 2024 at 09:47 AM

AB

“ Dad,
It has been two years when God called you home to be with him. As I sit here and remembered all the laugh, talks and encouraging words from a father to his daughter. My heart was heavy yesterday. We spend time with mommy and she truly misses you. It is tough not to have you here with us physically but we know your're here with us spiritual you were our rock and a true man. Dad you have shown me what a real man is . You were definitely a king. I know you don't want me to cry but I am. But then I just laughed about something you have said or done. Until we meet again your baby girl and twin.Angie



Angela Burris - November 02, 2024 at 08:45 AM

AB

“ Happy Heavenly Valentine's Day,
Thank you for raising me with love, supporting
me with Pride, and encouraging me to grow
into the person I am today. I love you Dad
today , tomorrow and always. You are truly
missed. But I know God does not make no mistake. Love your twin.
Angie



angela burris - February 14, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JB

“ Hi Daddy,
I should of posted this on Oct 30th, but I'm posting it now,
Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas is 18 days away... These
were your favorite holidays and we are still keeping that torch lit of
spending time together has a family... You taught me so much as a
little girl then as a grown woman, we had so many talks and taught
me so much... I truly miss those talks now and man do I miss that
big smile that would light up the room.... You just don't know how
much you're truly missed here because you was the matriarch of
the family, you taught us how to love and care for one another and
always look out for each other and we are caring on that as well as
looking out for Mommy, We got her....She misses you like crazy.....
Well I could write a book and as I sit here saying what is in my heart
there will never ever be another man like you... You was a true king
and what the meaning of a man and a Daddy was, I thank God for
the time he allowed you to be with us and all of the knowledge that
you taught us... Love you Daddy until we meet again.....Rest In
Peace....Love Always....Your oldest Daughter, Juanita.

Juanita Burris - December 07, 2023 at 04:51 PM

AB

“ Dad,
It has been a year as of yesterday when God called you home to be with him. As I sit here and remembered all the laugh, talks and encouraging words from a father to his daughter. My heart was heavy yesterday. We spent time with mommy all day yesterday and she truly misses you. It is tough not to have you here with us physically but we know your're here with us spiritual you were our rock and a true man. Dad you have shown me what a real man is . You were definitely a king. I know you don't want me to cry but I am. But then I just laughed about something you have said or done. Until we meet again your baby girl. Angie



angela burris - October 31, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ David "Sonny" Burris

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ David "Sonny" Burris

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ David "Sonny" Burris

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

SS

“ *Sending Prayers Love and Condolences to the entire family May Mr. Sonny Rest in Heaven*

Sandra Shorter

sandra shorter - November 12, 2022 at 09:20 AM

TS

“ *Rest easy my dear friend, We shared a lot of good times and memories together. Many good old Sundays you, I and the fellas had a great time in your Man Cave. You will be missed my friend (Thomas Stevens).*

Thomas Stevens - November 08, 2022 at 06:46 PM

BW

“ *Sending Love, Prayers and Condolences to my Aunt Fusty and Girls. Rest in Heaven Uncle Sonny, job well done here on this earth. You were truly a Mans Man. As I reflect on my childhood and being your neighbor, you did the most as you faced life challenges. You demonstrated how to raise a family, work long distance from home, and never miss a beat at this thing called life. You earned your wings, now rejoice!*



Bonita Waters - November 08, 2022 at 05:51 PM

VP

“ *Voncille Phillips lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Voncille Phillips - November 07, 2022 at 09:01 PM

TH

“ *Trudy Henry lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Trudy Henry - November 07, 2022 at 05:40 PM

TP

“ *Tammy & Charzell Poole lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Tammy & Charzell Poole - November 07, 2022 at 02:40 PM

DB

“ *Doris Bramble lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Doris Bramble - November 07, 2022 at 01:50 PM

TS

“ *Todd & Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Todd & Diane Smith - November 07, 2022 at 11:52 AM

LG

“ Prayers to the family. R.I.P. Sonny your wonderful smile will be missed dearly. Lana & Mark Grove

Lana Grove - November 07, 2022 at 11:10 AM

JR

“ James and Marie Robinson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David "Sonny" Burriss.



James and Marie Robinson - November 06, 2022 at 10:55 AM

MS

“ MR.& MRS. TONY A.PERRY, SR lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burriss



MR.& MRS. TONY A.PERRY, SR - November 05, 2022 at 08:33 PM

LP

“ Lori Butler Perry lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burriss



Lori butler perry - November 05, 2022 at 08:30 PM

JH

“ Sending condolences to Hilda and Daughters I’m going to miss seeing Sonny around town and will surely miss hearing from him on my birthday this year

Joyce Henry - November 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM

DH

“ Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris



Denny and Judy Hickman - November 04, 2022 at 04:24 PM

LI

“ We have know Sonny and Miss Hilda for a long time. My favorite memory is when Dave was sick and in the hospital in Baltimore, I stayed there and only saw my children for 3 long weeks. One day I was standing in line waiting to get my pass to go to intensive care and I heard this voice. I turned around to see Sonny Burris in the flesh. Nothing like a big hug from Sonny from Millington while in Baltimore, not knowing anyone. Rest easy big guy. Love to Hilda. Liz and David Starkey and Family



Liz - November 04, 2022 at 03:26 PM

JB

“ *My condolences to the family. RIP Mr.Burris*



Janice Brewer - November 04, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JB

“ *Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Jackie Brown - November 04, 2022 at 09:28 AM

EP

“ *RIP Sonny, hi to Snooze, eddie price, Montana*

eddie price - November 04, 2022 at 09:26 AM

EP

“ *Eddie Price lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



eddie price - November 04, 2022 at 09:25 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene & Sam Johnston lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Darlene & Sam Johnston - November 04, 2022 at 08:38 AM

TW

“ *RIP UNCLE SONNY, I REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES WHEN I WAS RIDING THROUGH OUR HOMETOWN MILLINGTON AND SEEING YOU ON YOUR TRACTOR. ❤️❤️❤️ YOUR NEICE TINY!!!*



tanita waters - November 03, 2022 at 10:08 PM

AH

“ *Alfreda Henry lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Alfreda Henry - November 03, 2022 at 09:46 PM

TF

“ *The Moaney Family lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



The Moaney Family - November 03, 2022 at 07:25 PM

EM

“ Eddie & Tina Moaney lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris



Eddie & Tina Moaney - November 03, 2022 at 07:24 PM

PQ

“ Peter And Thelma Quinn lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris



Peter and Thelma Quinn - November 03, 2022 at 03:18 PM

TD

“ May God bring peace and comfort to all of you during this time of bereavement and in the days to come.



Terra Deaton - November 03, 2022 at 03:12 PM

P-

“ Pansy Jeffers -Jackson lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris



Pansy Jeffers -Jackson - November 03, 2022 at 02:31 PM

MF

“ So Sorry for your loss He was my friend

*God Bless his family Love and Prayers Marty
Freeman*



Marty Freeman - November 03, 2022 at 10:33 AM

EP

“ my condolences to all, RIP Sonny, say hi to Snooze....
eddieprice Montana

eddie price - November 03, 2022 at 09:11 AM

VD

“ Vera "Tiny" Dozier lit a candle in memory of
David "Sonny" Burris



Vera "Tiny" Dozier - November 03, 2022 at 07:18 AM

GB

“ Gordon & Brenda lit a candle in memory of
David "Sonny" Burris



gordon & brenda - November 02, 2022 at 06:19 PM

ME

“ *Marla Lee Ellsworth lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Marla Lee Ellsworth - November 02, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Much love to all of you xo*



Pam Teat - November 02, 2022 at 03:23 PM

LA

“ *Lillie Alexander lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Lillie Alexander - November 02, 2022 at 02:03 PM

GS

“ *George Short lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



George Short - November 02, 2022 at 12:40 PM

SC

“ So sorry for your loss!! Sending prayers to the family.



Susan Chance - November 02, 2022 at 11:12 AM

WT

“ Wanda Torres lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris



Wanda Torres - November 02, 2022 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ The Cummerford Family lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris



The Cummerford Family - November 02, 2022 at 06:38 AM

DB

“ Doris George Bramble lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris



Doris George Bramble - November 02, 2022 at 04:39 AM

VP

“ *Voncille Phillips lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Voncille Phillips - November 02, 2022 at 12:19 AM

DF

“ *Dana Fellows lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Dana Fellows - November 01, 2022 at 09:32 PM

MD

“ *Marty Davidson lit a candle in memory of David "Sonny" Burris*



Marty Davidson - November 01, 2022 at 08:06 PM