



John Allen Michael Butler IV

December 17, 1942 - March 12, 2021

Allen “Al” Butler went home to the Lord on March 12th, 2021 at Memorial Hospital in Easton, MD. He was 78.

He was born December 17, 1942 in Baltimore, MD, the son of Evelyn Poske and John Allen Michael Butler, III. He was reared by his grandmother, mother and step-father, Alvin “Pop” Dinsmore. They all recognized and encouraged his obvious musical talent, and the wife of his maternal uncle, Kyper Poske, provided piano lessons for him, beginning them at the age of six. Allen was accepted as a scholarship student at McDonogh School in his seventh grade year and was a proud member of the class of 1961. While at McDonogh, he continued to excel in music and was the first and only freshman to be selected as drum major for the marching band. He held this position for three years.

Music would prove to be a talent Allen drew upon his whole life. At age seventeen, he became actively involved in barbershop harmony, and for over 40 years he participated as a singer, music arranger, quartet coach and award-winning chorus director.

Allen was an arborist by profession, beginning at Guardian Tree Experts in Alexandria, Virginia and then moving to Maryland’s Eastern Shore to work for and ultimately to own Wye Tree Experts (now The Davey Tree Expert Company). He was president of the Maryland Arborist Association from 1986

to 1988, and as a member of the Rotary Club of Easton, he enjoyed providing piano accompaniment at their regular lunch meetings.

Allen loved his Baltimore sports teams, the Ravens and the Orioles, all the old cowboy shows on T.V. and enjoyed discussing business, politics and religion with his friends and family. He was also an active member of Wye Parish Episcopal Church in Wye Mills.

Allen is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Sharon and their daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Eden Butler Pejeau (Nick); his first wife Justine and their three children: Edward Michael Lloyd Butler, Amy Kathleen Butler Mitchell (Peter) and Matthew Allen Butler (Adelaide). "Pop-Pop's" grandchildren are: Theodore and Graham Pejeau; Sean Connelly; Jordan, Benjamin and James Butler; Samuel, Fiona, Bruce and Anna-Justine Mitchell; and Abigail "Abbey" and Eva Butler.

Allen had a huge heart of love for all of his family, which included his beloved dogs throughout his life: Boots, Charlie, TR, Barney, Chrissie, Molly, and Ruby. Most importantly, he loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, stating the day before his death, "I am ready and I want to be with the Lord." His family is grateful for a peaceful passing from this life to the next and will lovingly remember him always, with happy memories of his generosity, humor and unique character that was, singularly, "Big Al."

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 11 AM at Wye Episcopal Church in Wye Mills.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the fund for maintenance of church grounds at Wye Parish Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 98, Wye Mills MD, 21679 or Talbot Humane Society, Inc., 7894 Ocean Gateway, Easton MD, 21601.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 14. 11:00 AM.

Wye Episcopal Church
Wye Mills, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *John Allen Michael Butler IV*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Still miss you like crazy, Dad. The older I get the more I remind myself of you in living to bring honor to the meaning of our family name with how I approach everything — comme je trouvé.*

Matthew Butler - February 08, 2023 at 03:22 AM



“ *John Allen Michael Butler IV*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Allen Michael Butler IV*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Gary and Susan Mervine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Allen Michael Butler IV.*



Gary and Susan Mervine - July 12, 2021 at 10:22 PM

LA

“ Allen, I've been looking forward to being together again in 2022 during our postponed 60th McDonogh Class Reunion and reminiscing about our summers together at the old Arlington Hotel, Nags Head, NC with our late classmate Mike Hayman and his parents. We were classmates, dear friend, from Middle through Upper School and roommates in our junior year. You had generously accompanied me on piano all those years--you carried me, pal! Thanks for all the good times and the support with my kindest thoughts to you and your family--

always,

Larry

Lawrence Angle - April 07, 2021 at 01:41 PM

MW

“ Just want to say I've known you for the last 5 years doing your pest control I'm going to miss you talking about the Baltimore Orioles talking about the Ravens just talking sports in general are you just cutting up and laughing with me are you smoking them cigars but anyway I just want to say may you rest in peace and I will miss you buddy I wish we could have got out on that golf course cuz I am getting better

Mike wingate - April 06, 2021 at 05:52 PM

GK

“ I was saddened to hear that my friend for 66 years, since McDonogh days, had passed. Sharon, Maggie, Amy, Mathew and Allen's grandchildren and friends have truly lost a loved one.
Gordon Kerr

gordon kerr - March 29, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ Love you Dad. So many great memories in Baltimore, Newport, OR for 4 years where Amy was born, Severna Park, MD and Annapolis MD in the 60s and 70s (my favorite place) and Alexandria, VA where Matt came along. Thanks for all the memories, and good times.

Sympathies to Sharon for her loss. Rest in Peace Dad. Eddie Butler

Eddie Butler - March 25, 2021 at 11:58 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Eddie Butler - March 25, 2021 at 11:18 PM

AM

Eddie I love these photos! And I love you!!

Amy Butler Mitchell - March 26, 2021 at 04:46 PM

SM

“ So lucky to have known him. What a great guy he was! So sorry for your loss Sharon, thoughts and prayers are with you and all the children as well.

Susan Mervine



Susan Mervine - March 24, 2021 at 09:34 AM

JP

“ Sharon, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. Fondly, Janet Perkins-Kullman

Janet Perkins-Kullman - March 23, 2021 at 01:07 PM

PB

“ Paul And Sharlene Bullen sent a virtual gift in memory of John Allen Michael Butler IV



Paul and Sharlene Bullen - March 21, 2021 at 07:04 PM

PB

I have not seen Mr. Butler for years. He was a very nice man. I am so sorry to read of his passing. My Condolences to his sweet family. Fly into his arms Mr. Butler, we will see you again.

Paul and Sharlene Bullen - March 21, 2021 at 07:06 PM

MW

“ *Merritt And Pam Whitby lit a candle in memory of John Allen Michael Butler IV*



Merritt and Pam Whitby - March 20, 2021 at 02:51 PM

MW

Sorry for your loss praying for the whole family

Merritt and Pam Whitby - March 20, 2021 at 02:53 PM

JL

“ *Jennifer Lopez lit a candle in memory of John Allen Michael Butler IV*



Jennifer Lopez - March 20, 2021 at 01:23 PM

JL

Al is loved and missed.

Jennifer Lopez - March 20, 2021 at 01:23 PM

MB

“ *As if yesterday it's been over a week since you passed into glory. I look forward to the day when I see you again!*



Matthew Butler - March 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

AM

“ Love you, Daddy! Prayers of thanksgiving lifted for your life and faith in the Lord. ❤️🙏



Amy Butler Mitchell - March 18, 2021 at 09:54 PM

MW

“ Sharon, it was always a pleasure to work with you and Al through the years! He was such a joy and I know you and your family will miss him dearly. Keeping you and your family in my prayers!

Marti Wright

Marti Wright - March 18, 2021 at 07:35 PM

PM

“ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” John 11:25-27

Peter Mitchell - March 18, 2021 at 05:22 PM

GS

“ Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of John Allen Michael Butler IV



Greg & Laura Saddler - March 18, 2021 at 04:10 PM

LO

“ *Lisa Osolin lit a candle in memory of John Allen Michael Butler IV*



Lisa Osolin - March 18, 2021 at 03:35 PM

AM

Lisa, thank you so much! Love, Amy

Amy Butler Mitchell - March 20, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JS

“ *Rest in Peace, Allen. Justine*

justine anna smith - March 18, 2021 at 02:32 PM



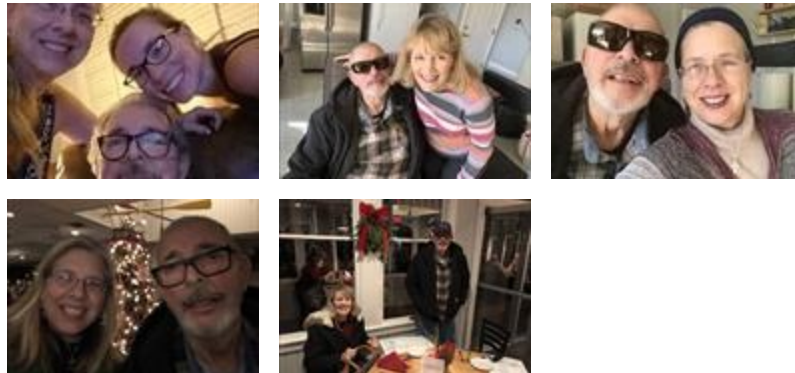
“ *Time with him was never enough. You were greatly loved and will be greatly missed. Love you always and forever, Dad.*



Matthew Butler - March 18, 2021 at 01:55 PM

AM

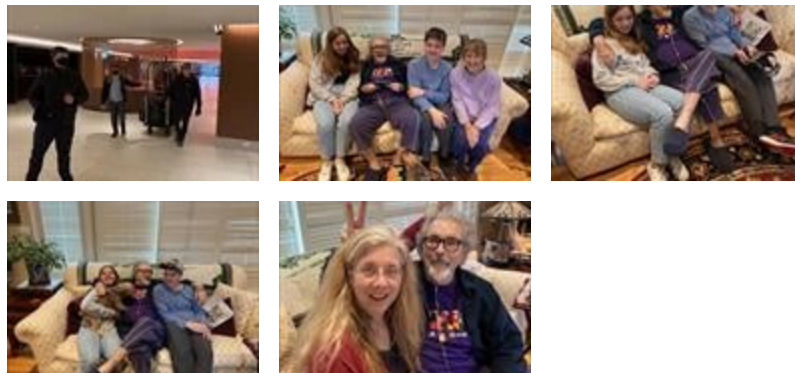
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Amy Butler Mitchell - March 18, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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Amy Butler Mitchell - March 18, 2021 at 12:24 PM

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Dad, Amy, Grandpop - circa 1971

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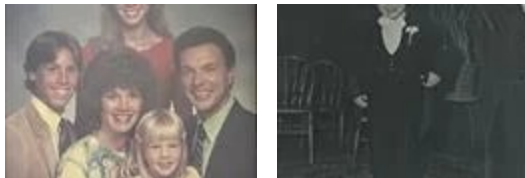
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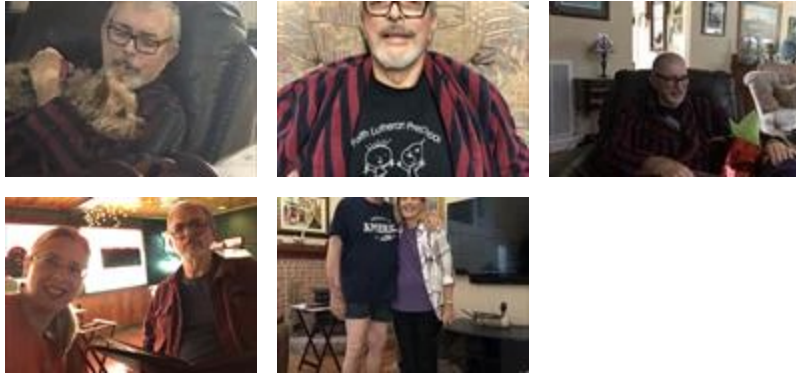
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Amy Butler Mitchell - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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Amy Butler Mitchell - March 18, 2021 at 11:58 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of John Allen Michael Butler IV*



Debbie Dean - March 15, 2021 at 03:47 PM