



# Averill Burriss

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**A**verill "Butch" Burriss III, 79, of Huntington WV, passed away on September 29th 2021. Butch was born on January 12th 1942 to Merle and Averill E. Burriss Jr. of Russell, KY. After graduating from Barboursville High School in 1961, he enlisted in the West Virginia Army National Guard where he became a UH-1 Heli Ambulance Pilot and Detachment Commander for the 146th Medical Detachment in Parkersburg, WV. Following 22 years of honorable service and countless awards, the Major with the call sign "Fuzz" retired. He was a gifted tradesman who provided for his family as a Journeyman Pipe Fitter at Inco Alloys (Specialty Metals) for 50 years. He fathered five educated boys, Butchie (Tracey), James (Anne), Russell (Kenesa), Michael (Kristie), Patrick (Michaela) with their mother Patricia Phipps (former wife of 42 years) who he often credited for raising "the boys". He is best known for his backyard fly-overs, neighborhood landings, outgoing personality and took fashion cues from no one. He was proud of his family and worked diligently to provide for them and those work ethics passed down to his boys. Butch had a life-long love affair with cars, motorcycles, boats and could often be found attending auto shows, his kid's sporting events, Huntington Blizzard hockey games, auctions, furniture shopping in Hickory NC. and enjoying the Ohio River. He was always kind and welcoming to those less fortunate than him. He is preceded in death by his parents Merle Ballard and Averill Burriss Jr., his son Russell Burriss and granddaughter Stella Burriss. He is survived by his current girlfriend, Becky Keyes, remaining sons, ten grandchildren (Shelsea, Tyler, Wesley, Vivian, Keirstin, McKayla, Jameson, Connor, Arabella, Sascha) and two great grandchildren (Benjamin and Shelby). Per his wishes, no services will be conducted. However, there will be a celebration of life, open to all, at Hall Funeral Home and Crematory in Proctorville, OH 4 - 6 PM on Saturday, October 16th. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.ehallfuneralhome.com](http://www.ehallfuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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KD

**Kenessa Burriss And Donyele** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

LOVE AND GREAT MEMORIES!

October 13 at 8:00 PM



RM

**Rick Morris** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

i know the whole family through the boys and military(Butch gave me my first helicopter ride)thats a memory i'll never forget,but you the family will be in my thoughts and prayers

October 7 at 8:00 PM



JH

**Jenny Holderby** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

Guys I am so sorry for your loss. I had no clue his name was Averill, I always knew him as Butch. I didn't know him as much as knew of him & it was always good talk or a good story. Peace to all of you.

October 3 at 8:00 PM



CM

**Cheryl J Skinner Tri-State Military Museum** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time, May you come to know that the love of God is with you always, May your memories of Averill Burriss, III, give you peace, comfort and strength... Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers to the family of .... US Army National Guard Veteran, Averill Burriss, III, is "A True American Hero" God Bless† † Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

October 2 at 8:00 PM



KP

**Keith Petrie** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

I remember the pride Butch took in each of his boys as they grew up in our Rome subdivision many years ago. He was an amazing man with a personality bigger than life itself. Butch definitely touch the lives of many and has left a wonderful footprint for us. Many heartfelt condolences to his sons and family as they walk through this difficult time.

October 1 at 8:00 PM





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LP

**Lena Powers** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

So very sorry for your loss. Lena Powers

September 30 at 8:00 PM



DP

**Debbie Pappas** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

I'm so sorry to hear of Butch's passing. I enjoyed our many conversations at Tri State Ice Arena and Huntington Blizzard hockey games. He was always there for his sons who played in our hockey league. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. They have lost a wonderful and caring person.

September 30 at 8:00 PM



DP

**Delores Paragon** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

In 2000 Fairland Senior League Baseball team won the district and the team and parents loaded up and headed to Ashtabula, OH to compete. Although we never won a single game, everyone had a wonderful time and mostly because of Butch! He kept the whole group in stitches with his hilarious antics! We will miss you Butch! Our heartfelt sympathy for his family! Delores & Tony Paragon

September 30 at 8:00 PM



AB

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Averill Burriss** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall

September 30 at 8:00 PM



TS

**Tribute Store** lit a candle in honor of Averill.

We are so sorry for your loss. Sending our love and thoughts to the Burriss family.

September 30 at 8:00 PM





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