



Joe Frank Burnett, 83, died May 19, 2015 in Bowling Green. He was born September 16, 1931 to Aubrey and Hazel (Dunn) Burnett at the family home in Oakland, Kentucky. He attended Oakland Elementary School and North Warren High School before enlisting in the United States Air Force. He graduated from Aero Industries Technical Institute in Oakland, California in 1952 and served as an airframe repairman during the Korean War.

Burnett married the former Rebecca Jane Pearson on March 31, 1961 in Scottsville and they eventually settled on a picturesque hilltop in the Sunnyside community of north Warren County. Burnett operated a successful plumbing and contracting business for more than 40 years. His expertise can be seen in homes and commercial facilities throughout the region.

He was a longtime member and Deacon at Oakland Christian Church and more recently a member of Smiths Grove United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca Jane and daughters LeAnne Burnett Morse (Fort Mill, South Carolina) and Laura Burnett Staynings (Bowling Green) as well as sons-in-law Kelly Morse and Mark Staynings and grandchildren Chase Riddle, Ethan Morse, and Catherine Jane Staynings. Also surviving are his brother Don C. Burnett (Louisville), and nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He also leaves behind a beloved and loyal companion, his dog Sugar.

He was preceded in death by his father Aubrey Burnett, mother Hazel Dunn Burnett, and brother Billy Reed Burnett.

Funeral service will be 4:00 p.m. Saturday at Hardy & Son Funeral Home, Bowling Green Chapel with visitation 1:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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