



Edward L. Butts

April 14, 1964 - May 16, 2011

Edward Lynn Butts, age 47, of Mobile, AL, and a native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, died Monday, May 16, 2011, in Mobile Alabama.

Edward was a retired Navy Lieutenant Commander where he served proudly for over 20 years. He was currently employed with Northrop Grumman.

Edward was born to the late Clyde Othoella Butts and Louvella Proctor Whitney, of Bowling Green, KY. He was preceded in death by his sisters; Carol A. Butts and Edna Clydella Butts-Boiser.

He is survived by his daughters; Averiel Butts and Adrienne D. Butts, both of Merrillville, Indiana; his mother, Louvella Proctor Whitney of Bowling Green, KY; four sisters: Mrs. Barbara (Slyvester)Page, Bowling Green, KY; Mrs. Phyllis Hampton (Cedric), Bowling Green, KY; Mrs. Joyce Laverne Parrish (William), Bowling Green, KY; and Mrs. Maxine Ray, Bowling Green, KY; two brothers: Mr. Larry (Gloria) Proctor, Corpus Christi, TX; Mr. Jolantha Butts, Bowling Green, KY; an uncle, Joe Proctor, Bowling Green, KY; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

You are invited to go to the Tribute Wall to pass along your personal message or tell a story.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West

5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard
Hopkinsville, KY 42240-9304

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 843-2336
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

Life Celebration

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Seventh Street Baptist Church
1101 Fair Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Adrienne Butts lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Adrienne Butts - July 26, 2015 at 07:54 PM

AB

“ *Adrian J. Butts lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Adrian J. Butts - July 24, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - July 05, 2012 at 06:29 PM



“ *Every day I miss you E.L. But knowing you're with God and at peace makes it easier. You were always a true gentlemen to me and my family. I'll always love you and you're always in my heart. I'll see you when I get there :-)*

April Martin - January 23, 2012 at 06:15 AM

TW

“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Trey Williams - July 27, 2011 at 11:01 AM

TW

“ *Uncle Edward was my favorite uncle.he taught me how to cook many things on his grill. When i was sad he would ask me how i feel. If im bored he'd play video games or watch a movie with me. I allways and forever will miss Uncle Edward. My favorite memory was helping him in the yard and helping him cook/grill out. :(He would allways take us places like exhibits and beaches.*
Trey Williams

Trey Williams - July 27, 2011 at 10:55 AM

RF

“ *Robert Franklin lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Robert Franklin - July 22, 2011 at 06:57 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Barbara Page - July 20, 2011 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ E.L. was a very kind and gentle spirit. We connected instantly as friends. He was a giving person especially with his baked goodies. I will miss him tremendously. May God rest his soul.

With deepest sympathy,
Justine Wright Montgomery,
Moss Point, Ms.

Justine Wright Montgomery - July 10, 2011 at 06:39 PM

JA

“ Fair winds and following seas to a brother-at-arms. You stood your watch with honor and dignity, now stand at ease and rest. Thank you for your faithful service my friend. May God bless, keep and comfort your family until you see them again in Heaven's gate.

John Anderson - June 01, 2011 at 01:16 PM

TD

“ Shipmate, rest now until we meet again. You were the CHENG when I was MPA aboard AO-180. You showed me that a Naval Officer can be both a decent human being and an effective leader. Your devotion to your girls was what I remember most, and I will always remember the way you tried to do your best as a father while assigned to a sea duty. To you the survivors especially the daughters, I cannot imagine your grief having lost such a wonderful father and friend. I share your pain, and wish you comfort in knowing that the Almighty's plan will reunite your family together forever. D15 sends.

Thavee Douangaphaivong - June 01, 2011 at 12:59 PM

HS

“ I was greatly saddened to hear this news and extend my deepest sympathies to all he left behind. Having been my Chief Engineer in WILLAMETTE, he'll always be 'CHENG' to me which, in my view, is both a title of respect and endearment. WILLAMETTE was a big ship with many fine young people, Ed included, nobly carrying out great responsibilities. I don't think he ever liked me poking around HIS machinery spaces, a reaction one would expect from any CHENG worth his salt. The repair he and his people made of the cracked DFT suction line was amazing. He helped me appreciate the wide world of hot sauces. (Tabasco is just hot, it doesn't have much flavor.) His car was almost always parked at the ship when I came or went and he jokingly asked me once not to park my tacky, horribly blue little station wagon next to his fine automobile because it made it look bad. Most importantly, he was good to his people and I have faith that God will be good to him. Howard Stone

Howard Stone - June 01, 2011 at 08:54 AM

TH

“ So saddened to hear about the tragedy. CHENG was an honest person and a very respectable officer. I have served with him onboard the USS Willamette (AO-180) and have supported him on all the spares he needed to keep his equipments on line. My deepest sympathies to his family. He will surely be missed by the people he loved so much. Goodbye Sir! - With respect / SKCM Tadeo Lopez

THLopez - May 31, 2011 at 02:51 PM

CC

“ Absolutely devastated, just found out on FB ... 2 weeks after the fact. I was a classmate after meeting EL at Hampton Univ.... Navy ROTC, when all the other BOOST program students that came in. Nicest and most honest, straight forward person you'd want to meet. Had the honor of seeing him briefly in his hometown of Bowling Green KY at the local mall in 2002 and on FB back in 2010. God bless him and his family. Rest in Peace E.L.!

charles colbert - May 29, 2011 at 11:16 PM

SP

“ I remember meeting EL on May 14, 1990, he came to my wedding who was good friend with Lt Col Kim Dwayne Peden. EL I had a chance to be part of you and your family life. I am so sorry to hear that you passed away. You was always such a gentleman and will be missed. I will keep your family in my prayers. Sharon Gary Peden

Sharon Gary Peden - May 29, 2011 at 01:32 PM

SB

“ In 1996 one day before my 1st deployment ended, my 17yr old brother passed away. I was devastated & CHENG took upon himself to keep me encourage to return & not go A-wall during my emergency leave. When I returned & he continually pushed me to heal past one of the greatest wounds I have suffered in life.

I remember all the laughs in main control & my 1st re-enlistment - thanks to his guidance He was an awesome officer that truly care for the people in his department. In Mar of this year I re-connected with him on Facebook only to now to be disconnected again.

Sir for the final time here on earth I salute you - Shuwanda (aka - FN Bryant)

Shuwanda Bryant - May 28, 2011 at 09:17 PM

AN

“ *Anjanette lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Anjanette - May 26, 2011 at 06:26 PM

MJ

“ *Mia James lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Mia James - May 26, 2011 at 08:25 AM

MJ

My prayers goes out to the family at this trying time. May EL's spirit continue to live in each and every one of you.

Mia James - May 26, 2011 at 08:26 AM

AB

“ *I will always remember u in my whole heart! I def gonna miss ya but I will see ya again when I see ya up there....U are not alone anymore and u now relax and enjoy ur time with ur sisters, Clydella and Carol Butts. Tell them I said hello!!*

Love ya, ur nephew, Adrian Butts

Adrian J. Butts - May 26, 2011 at 08:14 AM

DF

“ Deborah Felts lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Deborah Felts - May 25, 2011 at 09:05 AM

DF

“ We will sorely miss E.L. He was a loving father, gentleman, generous, kind and wonderful person. He loved his daughters and "baby sister", as well as the rest of his family and friends. He showed others how to be generous, kind, good and loving. I never saw him get angry. He was a hard worker. We will certainly also miss his great cooking - the jerk chicken, german chocolate cake, lemon cake, almond joy cake and pecan pie. May God surround the girls and his family with peace and comfort. Deborah Felts (co-worker).

Deborah Felts - May 25, 2011 at 09:04 AM

JC

“ A true gentleman - a great co-worker and friend. EL will truly be missed. May God send comfort to his daughters, mother, siblings and to all who loved him. Jeannene Crocker

Jeannene Crocker - May 23, 2011 at 06:33 PM

AB

“ I am still thinking of you and am sure that you looked your finest for your homecoming. I miss you still and was with you in mind, heart and spirit today. God bless everyone for being there for Edward and his family.



Anjanette Blunt - May 23, 2011 at 03:06 PM

NG

“ I worked with E. L. in the LDA Program Office. From the first day I met him, I was impressed with this professionalism and willingness to do whatever needed to be done to make everything run smoothly. We miss him more than words can convey. Please know all of his family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy Green

Nancy Green - May 23, 2011 at 12:34 PM

AB

“ E.L....truly unforgettable and inspirational, through your NO-NONSENSE approach to life and learning.... You never let small stuff get you in a funky mood, but you handled bigger problems like no one else could. You always knew how to get back to business after a "waste of time" (quoting E.L.), and you were phenomenal at pointing out specifics on how people needed to "grow up". That is what I take with me all the time, and I used it in my Naval career as a pattern for grown-up life...Thank you for that because it was valuable in numerous ways....you will be missed, but NEVER gone from our company.

Alicia (Grady) Benn

Alicia Benn - May 23, 2011 at 09:23 AM

AN

“ Edward left so many memories behind...coconut coffee, mentos, tuna and noodles, jerk chicken, German Chocolate cake (that he never ate), slim jims, The Steelers, "I'm tryin to take you to the stow", "Alrighty then!", "...Miss Lady", "Take care and stay sweet...", "Whateva!", "Bonehead...idiots", "Ooohh"

Straight from his mouth:

"This is as close to the super bowl the "Faints" will get. better luck in the Jambalaya Bowl. (LOL)"

"Rubbing them crusty feet?"

"Thank you very much"

Who Dat? The Steelers are the Superbowl Champions

"Thankye..."

"WHa GWAAAYN nyuh nah lernt to read so good?"

"JOKE OF THE YEAR -

Two women were sitting quietly together,

minding their own business."

"I was just joking..."

"I AM your Role Model, JUST DEAL WITH IT!"

E. L. Butts...I know that Clyde is happy to welcome you home...

Anjanette - May 23, 2011 at 02:19 AM

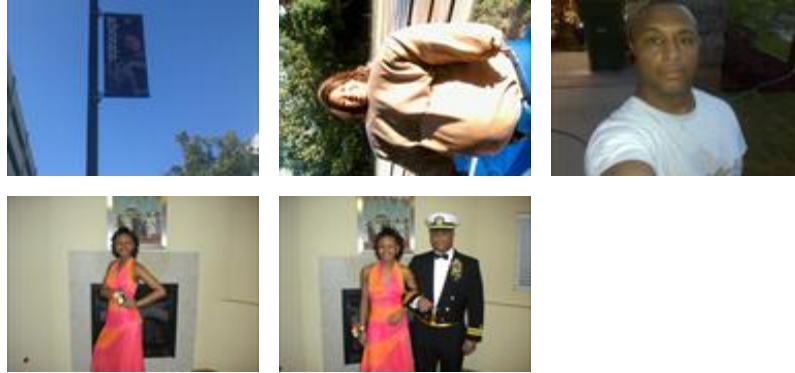
AN

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Anjanette - May 23, 2011 at 01:09 AM

AB

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Anjanette Blunt - May 22, 2011 at 10:27 PM

JK

“ I pray that E L's family can find comfort in knowing that he is in a better place. He can now catch out for us on high as he always did down here. It won't be easy, it isn't for me but his love for you will heal your hearts.

A very good friend and colleague of E L.

Jared Keys

Jared Keys - May 22, 2011 at 07:47 PM

SW

“ Sharon Wells lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Sharon Wells - May 22, 2011 at 03:41 PM

PB

“ I had the opportunity of knowing Edward through my daughter, Anjanette. He was a kind and considerate man along with great intelligence. I send up prayers for Edward and his daughters and family. May God comfort you all in your time of need. I am so sorry for your loss.
Priscilla Peterson Blunt



Priscilla Peterson Blunt - May 22, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ Our loved ones never die, as long as there is someone here who remembers them. When there is no longer anyone here to remember them, then it won't matter; because we will all be home.

Ruby Johnson - May 22, 2011 at 05:33 AM

AB

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Anjanette J. Blunt - May 21, 2011 at 08:40 PM

AB

“ Edward:



I pray that you felt as loved in life as you made others feel...as I pray you feel in heaven. May God keep you close as I know that now you are watching over your loved ones still, just as you did in life. Now you are a Guardian Angel for your angels, Avriel and Adrienne. They are precious and mean everything to you. Know that your family and friends will always be there for them here on earth just as you are from up above.

I will ALWAYS love you and will miss you. You were a constant in my life and there will forever be a void in my heart as I long to see your face or hear you voice. Knowing that God called you home and that you are at peace provides comfort for your loved ones...for me. God NEVER said that life is fair, but God is surely good in his grace and mercy.

God bless you Edward...I will never forget you and will forever have you in my heart, thoughts and prayers. My family (especially my mom & Grandma Lise) and my friends send much love and prayers for you and your family in their (our) time of mourning. You know that we all are going to be trying to make that jerk chicken that you made so well...and the cakes...forget about it. We could never make a cake as good as you!!!!

You are at home now...and will surely be missed, but the love will never cease. Glory be to God...

...sending endless and unconditional love to you until I see you again, with Eternal Love,

Anjanette

Anjanette J. Blunt - May 21, 2011 at 08:21 PM

AB

“ *Anjanette Blunt lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Anjanette Blunt - May 21, 2011 at 07:57 PM

TS

“ *Miss ya bud. Thanks for your service to our country and to the LHA 6 AMERICA program. It was a privilege to have you on my staff.*

Tony Smith

Tony Smith - May 21, 2011 at 03:39 PM

MC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Edward Butts. May the Lord continue to bless you and that all of you remember to lead on Him for strength.*

Mary R. Cole - May 21, 2011 at 01:39 PM

JB

“ *My Brother Will Never DIE AS LONG AS I live*

jolantha butts - May 20, 2011 at 08:47 PM

JB

“ *Jolantha Butts lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



jolantha butts - May 20, 2011 at 08:42 PM



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Yvonne Williams - May 20, 2011 at 04:19 PM



“ Larry E. Franklin, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Larry E. Franklin, Jr. - May 20, 2011 at 02:04 PM



“ Ermina Mujkic lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



ermina mujkic - May 20, 2011 at 01:12 PM

CB

“ I remember the first day he started working at Northrop Grumman. I was walking with a heavy box of orange juices. He, a notebook in hand. He asked, "do you know where I can get something to eat"? I replied, "no, the cafeteria is not open on Fridays since the workers don't work (this was because employees had Fridays off). So, I am still carrying this box of heavy orange juices and he was still trying to figure out what he could eat. We finally introduced ourselves to each other. On that Monday, we bumped into each other again realizing that we worked about two doors down from each other. I mentioned to him a long time after that. How he never offered to take my box. He and I both laughed. He said, "i was hungry. I had been here all day without food!"

I would normally see him at the end of the Pascagoula bridge coming to work and would see him walking to his car at the end of the day. The last email i received was him sending me a picture of Averiel after she pledged Delta Sigma Theta. I responded. I am soo happy to know that your daughter is my soror. Tell her congrats. He will be missed at the company and attending the outings with the "click - April, Charlotte, Teddy, Raven, Brian, Latan, Davida and myself". My prayers are continuous for the family. The Gulf Coast family is always here if you need us. EL was and still is in spirit a part of the Gulf Coast family.

Contina V. Benn - May 20, 2011 at 12:18 PM

MP

“ Marilyn Pettway lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Marilyn Pettway - May 20, 2011 at 11:22 AM

SB

“ Stephanie L. Britt lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Stephanie L. Britt - May 20, 2011 at 09:44 AM

LC

“ Lisa M. Cook lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Lisa M. Cook - May 20, 2011 at 09:27 AM

VO

“ Vickie Oldham-Beck lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Vickie Oldham-Beck - May 20, 2011 at 09:11 AM

LS

“ Lori Smith-Rains lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Lori Smith-Rains - May 20, 2011 at 07:33 AM

DW

“ *Diane Winn-Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Diane Winn-Gilbert - May 20, 2011 at 07:12 AM

TF

“ *Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Tina Fant - May 19, 2011 at 11:25 PM



“ *Myrick Byrd lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



myrick byrd - May 19, 2011 at 10:20 PM

CC

“ *Chris Carothers lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Chris Carothers - May 19, 2011 at 10:16 PM



“ *Dear Butt's Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

Burnam & Son Mortuary Inc.

Cedric Burnam - May 19, 2011 at 05:51 PM

RW

Edward was a wonder kind and caring person. He never met a stranger.

Raymond Wilson / NSC Program Office Co worker and friend

Raymond and Ruby Wilson - May 20, 2011 at 03:12 PM

DW

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Denise Waller-Hudson - May 19, 2011 at 05:15 PM



“ *Dana Burnam lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Dana Burnam - May 19, 2011 at 05:00 PM



“ *Denise Waller-Hudson lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Denise Waller-Hudson - May 19, 2011 at 04:57 PM



My Condolence goes out to the family in your time of sorrow. With a heavy heart I will miss him dearly.

Denise Waller-Hudson - May 19, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ *Yvonne Williams lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Yvonne Williams - May 19, 2011 at 04:53 PM



“ God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. When you've wiped your tears away, & can't cry anymore, stay strong & try to see the rainbow through the storm. Edward will truly be greatly missed. Praying for each of you ?



Yvonne Williams - May 19, 2011 at 04:51 PM



“ Penelope Marshall lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Penelope Marshall - May 19, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ Penny Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts



Penny Gilbert - May 19, 2011 at 02:30 PM

RP

“ *It saddens me that you were taken away from us. I know that the good Lord makes no mistakes and it is not always easy for us to understand or not have questions. You were such a good person and I find peace in knowing that to be absent from the body is to present with the Lord. You will be deeply missed. RIP cousin. Family: keep praying and look to God from whence cometh our help. The family that prays together, stays together.*

Robin Proctor-Martin - May 19, 2011 at 01:10 PM

RP

“ *Robin Proctor-Martin lit a candle in memory of Edward L. Butts*



Robin Proctor-Martin - May 19, 2011 at 01:04 PM