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Orville Lee Burks, 80, of Shobonier, IL, passed away peacefully Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at his home after a long battle with acute myeloblastic leukemia.

Per Orville's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. Visitation will be held from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Friday, November 01, 2024 at Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Vandalia. A Private Inurnment will be held at Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences can be expressed at www.hohltandfilefh.com.

Orville Lee Burks was born on March 10, 1944, three miles south of Arroll, MO, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Goldie Bell (Hoobery) Burks. Orville's family moved many times when he was younger, finally settling in Vernon, IL. He married Joyce Sussen with whom he shares three children, they later divorced. He married Judy (Ritter) Black in November of 1982, and gained two step-sons. Together they celebrated nearly 42 years of marriage.

Orville spent most of his working years in the logging and timber business, a career that runs throughout his family. He was never a stranger to hard work; it was his passion as he was still working at the age of 80. In his later years, he also established OB's Place in Shobonier, owning and operating the business for 8 years. One might say that he opened the bar just for himself; Orville loved to drink beer, dance and listen to music.

He will forever be remembered by his wife, Judy Burks of Shobonier; son, Jim Burks and wife Jodi of Vernon; daughter, Tammy Watkins and husband Roger of Saybrook; son, John Burks and wife Stephanie of Vernon; step-son, Matthew Black and wife Karen of Vandalia; sister, Vera Ray and husband David of Vandalia; sister, Wilma McElroy and husband Jim of Effingham; grandchildren, Telisa Simpsen, Stephanie Pickett, Justin Watkins, Tiffany Cathey, Genny Burks, Angie Burks, Kirsten Kershaw, John Burks, Kody Burks, Tresa Elgin, Ryan Black, Brady Black, Marley Black, Sierra Sanders, and Rylee Doza; numerous great-grandchildren; and countless nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.



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He was preceded in death by his parents; step-son, Andrew Black; brothers, Everett Burks and Chester Burks and wife Deloris; sisters, Vivian Burks, Wanda Spicer and husband Earl, Donna Evans and husband Richard; and two infant brothers.



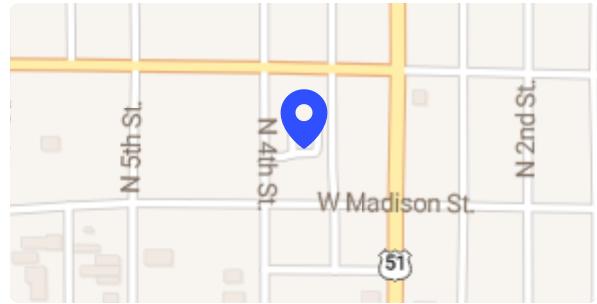
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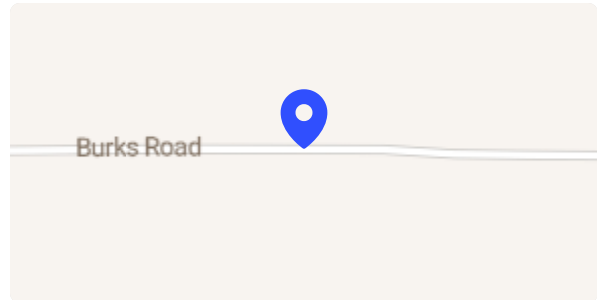
Visitation

- Friday**, November 1, 2024
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Ltd.**
204 N 4th Street, Vandalia IL 62471



Cemetery Details

- Vernon/Tillman**
County Road 2350 N, Vernon IL





Tribute Wall

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Dawn Heath posted:

Tammy, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. You and my family are in my thoughts and prayers.

November 5 at 6:14 AM



Ursula Crooks posted:

Tammy - my deepest condolences to you and your family...

November 4 at 9:24 AM



Amy Miller posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I will sure miss him coming into the Chuckwagon everyday and hearing him say "see me" when he would leave. He could always make me smile even on my worst days! He will definetly be missed but never forgotten.

November 2 at 10:03 AM



Greg Beaumont posted:

We at GL Beaumont Lumber Company extend our deepest condolences. Orville was a icon in the logging industry and supplied us with many many logs for probably 40 to 50 years. He was a valuable log supplier. He will be missed as we saw him often in the community and at our business.

November 1 at 10:55 AM



Debra Sue Logsdon lit a candle in honor of Orville.

Steve & Sue Logsdon. A good friend, known by family and friends will be missed.

October 31 at 8:38 AM



Carol (Hawthorne) Mullen lit a candle in honor of Orville.

I'm sorry for your loss. I used to go to the sawmill with my Dad and I remember how nice the Burks family was. Orville always had a smile and a kind word for my Mom as well whenever we would see him. I send you a peaceful prayer for comfort.

October 30 at 3:01 AM





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JM

Jim Mcelroy sent a virtual gift in honor of Orville.



I have had the privilege of knowing Orville for 57 years, married to his sister Wilma for 54. What I learned and appreciated was his work ethics learned a lot about "don't stop or quit, do what is right towards others. Not saying he was perfect, but when he made a mistake, he would make it right when possible. Learned to log when I was twenty, best job I ever had, he taught me all I know about that business. To say I will miss him is true, but knowing the family he leaves behind is priceless memory. Rest in peace my friend will miss you.

October 29 at 3:47 PM

CF

Charlie Frailey posted:

Orville was our friend . He will be missed by Judy, family and anyone who knew "Orv". Honestly , hardworking, and very caring, That was the man!!!!

October 29 at 3:22 PM

DD

Dean And Sandy Devall posted:

Orville was well known, he was an good person and friendly to everyone, he will be missed, sending prayers to Judy and family.

October 29 at 2:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Orville by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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