



## George Michael Burns

April 20, 1958 - August 1, 2020

George Michael Burns of Girard, Kansas died on August 1, 2020 in Eudora, Kansas after an extensive two year battle with prostate cancer.

George was born in Pforzheim, West Germany on April 20th, 1958 and adopted by George and Mina Burns of Arma, Kansas. He graduated from Northeast High School in May 1976 and attended Pittsburg State University graduating from the Vocational Technical Department in May 1978. On August 2nd, 1980 he was joined in marriage to Mary Joeen Wilson at the First Presbyterian Church of Girard. He was employed by Mt. Carmel Medical Center, later Via Christi, for 43 years retiring in April 2019 as Nutritional Services Director. During his time at Mt. Carmel he was employee of the month several times. Additionally, he received the Via Christi Ministry and Mission award in 2002 for his contributions at the Pittsburg Health Resource Center establishing and coordinating meal planning. He was a member of the former First Presbyterian Church of Girard and had been baptized by the Catholic Church as an infant in West Germany.

Survivors include: Wife of the home, Mary Joeen Burns; his son Adam and Brandy Burns of Eudora, Kansas; his daughter, Heidi Burns attending the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas; granddaughters Ansley Burns and Lennon Burns of Eudora, Kansas; his mother-in-law Beverly Wilson of Girard, Kansas; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Scott and Beth Wilson of Girard, Kansas; niece Maria Walczak of San Diego, California; nephews Eric Wilson of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and Seth Wilson of Girard, Kansas; his beloved dachshund, Liesl Burns; and numerous cousins in the Southeast Kansas area.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Mina Burns and brother Ronald Burns of Arma, Kansas.

As per his wishes, no services will be held. His cremains will be partially scattered at his treasured hunting and fishing location, and the rest will be buried at Hosey Hill Cemetery in Weir, Kansas at a later date. The family requests all donations be made to the KU Cancer Center Comprehensive Account, the Cancer Research Gift Fund or the KU Cancer Center Drug Discovery Innovation. Condolences may be left at [www.bathnaylor.com](http://www.bathnaylor.com). Cremation arrangements are by Bath-Naylor Funeral Home 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762



# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear, Joeen, your family has been in our thoughts. As everyone has said George was really a special guy, friendly to all and a pleasure to be around. I can say my life was enriched by being good friends when Donna & I worked in the hospital kitchen way back in 1976-1980.

**marty flanders** - August 17, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ GMB, as he wrote on all of his kitchen notes, will be missed dearly. I had the privilege of working for him for for 8 years. His funny, energetic, loving, and sensitive persona was always a pleasure. He was so incredibly witty. He loved his family dearly and we all knew it. If someone called in sick, he immediately took the job of dish room maiden and let one of us fill the void. He always had a great joke or a Christmas song to sing (any time of year). He definitely made a lasting impression on me. He was the best. Rest easy, George.

**Jackie Clements-Moore** - August 05, 2020 at 10:46 PM

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“ I've worked at Via Christi since 1991 and George was always a cheerful presence in the cafeteria and any where else I saw him. Sincere condolences to all of his family.

**Elaine. Hogue** - August 05, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of George's passing. He was an institution at Via Christi. Everyone loved George and he will be forever missed. My condolences.

**Rita Horsman** - August 05, 2020 at 10:59 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. George was a long time friend and classmate. Enjoyed the time we spent together. He was a fun guy and his passing brought back many memories of our youth. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Buddy and Patti Gorentz

**Buddy Gorentz** - August 05, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ I thought the world of George. He was always so nice and had a positive attitude no matter how tired he was or how much pain he was in. My heart goes out to his family. He'll be truly missed.

**Suzie Johnston** - August 05, 2020 at 05:09 AM

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“ George was a great guy! Always had a smile even on a bad day. Joeen, hugs to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. George had many friends and he will be greatly missed.



**Sue Saunders** - August 04, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ I will forever treasure our heart-to-heart talks. He was a hard working man who cared sincerely for his team and served with passion and creativity. I deeply miss his presence in the world, but also take comfort that he is now where I look forward to going: home at last with our loving God and Savior, at peace and untouched by grief and suffering. Rest in peace, George.

Love, Chaplain Adah

**Adah Hutchcraft** - August 04, 2020 at 10:27 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss! George was a wonderful person and I had the pleasure of knowing him as a co-worker and friend. He will be missed by many.  
Jody Umholtz

**Jody Umholtz** - August 04, 2020 at 10:17 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. George was one of the kindness, most helpful people I have ever worked with. God Bless you all. I am thankful for having had the opportunity to know him.

**Charlotte Russell** - August 04, 2020 at 10:04 AM

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“ George was a great person to know at the hospital. Rest in peace George.

**Joanna Hughes** - August 03, 2020 at 10:41 PM

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“ Oh my! George was one of a kind! Some of my most favorite memories as a teen working in the food service department back when it was Mt. Carmel was working the line with George. He was always so happy and funny. My prayers for the family.  
Renee Willingham Hamilton

**Renee Hamilton** - August 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM

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“ There certainly are special people in our lives that don't just pass through, but rather have a great impact upon those they love. You are so part of the Wilson family when you become a member of their family. George was truly loved by his family, and no one could have filled more special shoes than he. Some day when tears are not as easily shed I pray that all the special moments you were part of bring true joy to the family that dearly loved you.

**Marti Kiser** - August 03, 2020 at 08:54 PM

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“ We are terribly saddened and sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please remember he is not gone, he is just away.

**Greg and Glenda Krehbiel** - August 03, 2020 at 07:11 PM

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“ George was always so friendly at the cafeteria. Really a great guy. Sorry for your loss.

Jo C Herrmann - August 03, 2020 at 06:56 PM

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“ George was a once in a lifetime friend, we were friends for 40 years. He was always funny and in a good mood, and it rubbed off on those around him. He was always there if I needed him. My nickname for him was “Brother Burns”, and that was because he was like a brother to me. Godspeed George, love ya man.

jim reilly - August 03, 2020 at 06:52 PM

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“ George was amazing! I have missed him since he retired. I didn't have to tell him what I needed. I told him the event and he told me what would be best. So sorry to hear of his moving on. Blessings and peace to his family and all who love him. He went with a group us to Chicago one time. What fun he was to travel with!

Pete Mayo - August 03, 2020 at 06:34 PM

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“ I meet George when I was the Project Director for Meals On Wheels out of the hospital, he treated me so well and we joked a lot. He will be missed, prayers for the family.

Jane Park - August 03, 2020 at 05:33 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about George our thoughts and prayers are with you all . The staff here at Dr Clark's are sending prayers to all of you



maurene Varsolona - August 03, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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“ George was a very special man. Always so kind and accommodating. As I pink lady, whenever I asked George for something out of the ordinary, he was right there for me. I had him on my prayer list and I am blessed for having him as a friend. May he rest in peace.

**Sharon Barone** - August 03, 2020 at 03:32 PM

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“ I have many memories that include George. Some of the best was being one of his part-time catering employees and of course many other personal memories. He was a good friend to me and my family. George, you will be missed.

**Patricia Marshall** - August 03, 2020 at 02:51 PM