



## Ronald James Burrell

April 3, 1935 - September 21, 2020

Ronald James Burrell, age 85, died peacefully on September 21, 2020 at NOVANT Health Prince William Medical Center, Manassas VA. He was born April 3, 1935 in Carbondale PA to William R and Mary (Smith) Burrell. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his nine older siblings and his special friend, Billie Waters.

Ron is survived by six children and their families. Linda and husband Tim McCanty & their children: Matthew, Sean and wife Deb, and Seamus and partner Casie; JoAnn and husband Chris Komanowski & their children: Brian and Patrick; Jay and wife Lisa; Sandy; Judy and partner Chuck; Ed and wife Gail; former wife and mother to all six children: MaryLou McPhail. Also surviving are Billie's daughters Anna, Shelly, Dawn and their families.

Ron went to school at St. Rose in Carbondale and Scranton Prep from which he graduated in 1953. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corp for three years, he married and went to Penn State for a degree in Electrical Engineering. He then spent 30+ years with IBM Federal Systems Division as an engineer and project manager and was recognized by NASA for work on several projects.

After retiring Ron volunteered with Medical Missionaries in Manassas. He made many trips to Haiti to use his engineering skills to help make a rural health clinic functional in order to serve many needy families. He was also

active in the American Legion. His devotion to his Catholic faith was unparalleled.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 16, 2020 from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 12 Noon at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA with Rev. Lee Roos officiating. Inurnment will follow at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or Medical Missionaries, 9590 Surveyor Ct, Manassas, VA 20110 in memory of Ronald James Burrell.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald James Burrell.* ”



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October 15, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Ron. He was such a caring man that would do anything for anyone and I have seen that many times. I never met any of his family but I do know you have lost someone special. I met him so many years ago and so glad I did. I know you are dancing with the angels and please say hi to Josh. God speed.* ”



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**Janeen** - October 12, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *The Der Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald James Burrell.* ”



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**The Der Family** - October 11, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Ron was a good man of faith and a good friend. He will be missed. (Carol and Joe)* ”

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**Carol Bryant** - October 10, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald James Burrell.*



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October 08, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *Ron rejoined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul last year. He was a deeply caring man whose presence in our ministry for the poor here at All Saints will be sadly missed. Thank you, Ron.*

*Kathy M. SVdP  
All Saints Conference.*

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**Kathy Miller** - October 02, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *God, bless Dutch Carbondale buddy Jody mcandrew*

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**jjody mcandrew** - October 01, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *I met Ron a few years ago at the American Legion Cash Bash. Ron was always so nice and I enjoyed every time I saw him at the legion. He was a pleasure to talk to. I will always remember him.*

*Thanks for introducing me to Gentleman Jack. You will be missed!  
Linda*

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**Linda Beasley** - September 30, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Uncle Ron was always so friendly and interested in everyone. I enjoyed time spent with him and remember him fondly. Thanks to him I have you wonderful cousins!*  
*Nancy and Bob Holden*

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**Nancy Holden** - September 30, 2020 at 06:44 PM

LK

“ *Always a warm smile, hand shake, and a conversation. Bingo at the Legion won't quite be the same, cheers my friend. Rest easy soldier, we're behind you.*  
*Semper Fidelis 🇺🇸!!*

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**Leon Kowalewski** - September 30, 2020 at 05:53 PM

RG

“ *Rest easy Devil Dog.*  
  
*We have the watch.*  
  
*Rick Goodman*  
*AL Post 10*

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**Rick Goodman** - September 30, 2020 at 11:09 AM

PB

“ *Uncle Ron was also my Godfather. He was a good man with a strong faith in God and family.*  
*I also miss the days on Beardslee Lane. What awesome memories. Lots of love to my Owego cousins. My thoughts are with you. Uncle Ron will truly be missed. Will also miss hearing about the luncheons with the widows. ❤️*

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**Paula Burrell** - September 30, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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Paula Burrell - September 30, 2020 at 09:37 AM

KP

“ *Someone once told me that to say I'm sorry for your loss is the right thing to say. However, to really know what sorry means is when you have felt the same loss. I remember all the good times we had on Beardslee Lane and sometimes wish we could all be together again with all our parents. My prayers go to all of you who loved him and who he loved.*



Kelley Purpura - September 29, 2020 at 11:54 PM

PB

*I agree with you Kelley.*

Paula Burrell - September 30, 2020 at 09:24 AM

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Paula Burrell - September 30, 2020 at 09:31 AM

KP

*My dear friend, you will surely be missed at post 10. The 16 years that I've known you has been so special. We all will miss you and we all love you.*

Kim pierson - October 02, 2020 at 02:22 PM

DH

“ *Every holiday event Ron use to always fall asleep where ever he sat I think us girls Anna, Shelly, and Me (Dawn) have pics of all of them.. love him always*

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**Dawn Hines** - September 29, 2020 at 06:31 PM