



Burless Leo Dye (Seymour)

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A covered-dish memorial service for longtime Seymour resident Burless Leo Dye will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Sunday, September 20, 2020, at the Seymour South Park pavilion.

Graveside services for immediate family members are set for 10:00 AM, Monday, September 21, 2020, at the Springfield Veterans Cemetery.

Burless Leo Dye of Seymour passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at the age of 99 years, six months and nine days.

He was born the second child of Odessa Stewart Dye and Randolph “Dolphie” Dye of Chestnut Ridge on February 21, 1921.

With his longevity, Mr. Dye had an interesting and fulfilling life. He worked hard, even as a child, during those Great Depression era days to help support his family. Before World War II, he worked in construction until drafted in early 1942.

He was assigned to the 8th Army Air Corps after training. A Heavy Bomber Group was formed, and he received orders for an air base in England. The small statured Staff Sgt. Dye assumed his duty as a machine gunner inside the very exposed-to-the-enemy, bottom-ball turret on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Burless defied the odds and heroically completed 24 missions over Nazi-occupied Germany and France, despite his plane being shot down on missions No. 1 and No. 24. He and his fellow crew members were not killed, evaded capture and were eventually returned to England. Ultimately, Burless completed his 25th mission with the Commemorative Air Force at the age of 95.

Burless had great eye-hand coordination. After returning home, he quickly proved himself a skilled heavy-equipment operator. This would be his profession for the next 50+ years.



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Along the way, he met a beautiful lady telephone operator on a blind date set up by a war buddy.

He and Nellie Louise Haskett of Hollister were married on June 29, 1947.

Just prior to his passing, the couple celebrated an almost unprecedented 73 years of marriage.

After they were married, he and Nellie worked toward having a farm lifestyle. They first had a small place but later settled on a larger farm. With their, by then, two young boys, the family settled in rural Seymour in 1967.

Nellie still resides on that very farm today.

Mr. Dye typically worked in the southwest Missouri area wherever his employer had a job going. He was part of the construction of many landmark buildings and projects in the area, including the Galloway Lime Quarry, many of the now Missouri State University buildings, countless St. John's/Mercy additions, Cox South, many downtown Springfield projects, Interstate 44 and Stockton Lake excavation.

His precision work on the backhoe, boom cranes, loaders and dozers, as well as other motorized equipment, caused him to be the go-to guy in many special or dangerous situations. His co-workers often said they always felt safe around Burless.

Each day he would return home, sometimes very late, and begin taking care of the cattle and making improvements on the 160-acre farm. The boys shouldered some of the chores as they grew older while Nellie kept up their happy home.

Together they grew beef cattle, worked in the timber and put up many hundreds of bales of hay each summer. No running to town for parts either. Mr. Dye could fix almost anything.

He believed in helping a neighbor, too. He did so by lending both machinery and muscle to a friend or neighbor at any time or season. Burless could be found alongside neighbors and friends during their times of sorrow, as well. To say the least, he was a very hard-working gentleman — even on the weekends, after working at such a grueling regular job, Mr. Dye made the time to serve his community through service organizations and church. He was invited to join the Lions



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Club shortly after moving to Seymour and later became president of the local chapter for a time, leading their many charitable campaigns.

He and his family regularly attended and were members of the Seymour United Methodist Church.

Burless was valued as a trustworthy and dependable asset and gem of the community.

Nellie has her own incredible strengths and a history of community advocacy.

Loving son. Cherished brother. Humble war hero. Builder. Hard working. Loyal husband. Teacher. Patriot. Christian.

There are no words to adequately describe his presence, his wisdom, his unique sense of humor, his irreproachable character and his unconditional love.

Mr. Dye was an incomparable role model for his sons and then two generations to follow and to all who knew him.

That was Burless Leo Dye. Matthew 25:21: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mr. Dye is survived by his wife, Nellie, of Seymour; his oldest son, Randy, and his wife, Celeste, of Rogersville, Missouri; his younger son, Andy, and his wife, Carla, of Spring Hill, Tenn.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Dye family would like to thank the good people at Glenwood Healthcare of Seymour for their love, care, comfort and support.

The Dye family thanks the Lord Jesus Christ for allowing them to keep Burless for so long.



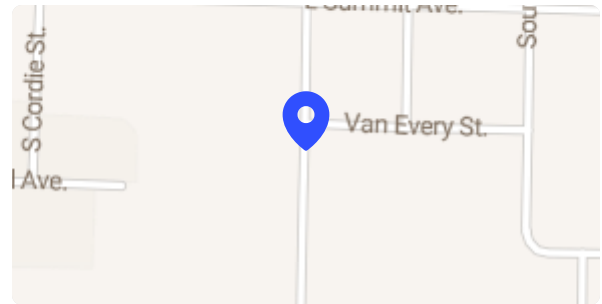
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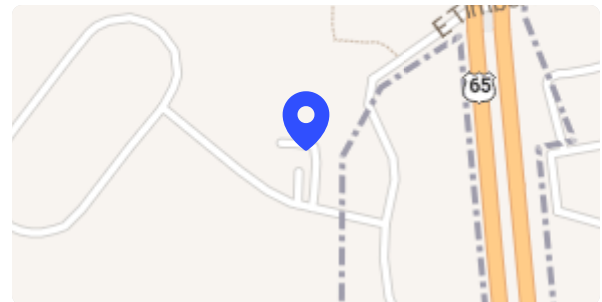
Celebration of Life Service

- Sunday**, September 20, 2020
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Seymour South Park**
South Cantrell St., Seymour MO 65746



Graveside Service

- Monday**, September 21, 2020
- 10:00 AM CT
- Mo. Veterans Cemetery**
5201 S. Southwood Rd, Springfield MO 65804





Tribute Wall

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KF

Karen Fischer posted:

Our sincere sympathy to Nellie, Randy, Andy, and the whole family. We have fond memories of the Dyes at get togethers with the Genteman family. My mom, Helen Jernigan, is now 101 and in nursing care, but I'm sure she would want to send her love and sympathy too. Bill and Karen Fischer

September 19 at 4:37 AM

MK

Mae Kabage lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 17 at 1:52 PM



WB

Wanda Blankenship lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 17 at 9:35 AM



TF

The Harold Scott Family lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 11 at 4:35 AM



JK

James & Meshell Kanel lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 6 at 3:17 PM



KM

Karen Binley Mcmillan lit a candle in honor of Burless.

I have so many precious memories of Burless. My love and condolences to Nellie, Randy, Andy, and others in your family.

September 4 at 3:12 PM





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Richard And Jacqueline Beeson lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 3 at 6:05 PM



Gary And Judy (Dearmond) Richter lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 2 at 8:09 AM



Tim And Stacy Denner sent a virtual gift in honor of Burless.

We are so sorry to hear this. Our Prayers are with you all ! Burliss was great man . He will be missed.

September 1 at 10:59 PM



Skipper Maybee posted:

I've known and loved Burless and Nellie for many years. I'm saddened to hear of Burless' passing. He was always so pleasant, friendly and helpful to all; dearly loved by all who knew him. May he Rest In Peace and May God comfort Nellie, the boys and their families.

September 1 at 6:09 PM



Jennifer Haywood-Sampson lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 1 at 4:33 PM



Marsha Thomas lit a candle in honor of Burless.

Praying for the family.Josh and Marsha Thomas and Hunter

September 1 at 4:05 PM





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WJ

Wally Jones posted:

It's been my honor to get to know Burless and Nellie over these last few years. My heart weeps with the Dye family as we all share in the grief and look forward to the glorious reunion in the presence of almighty God on His great day.

September 1 at 10:40 AM

DI

Denise Ivy lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 1 at 9:55 AM



VH

Valerie Hastings lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 1 at 6:44 AM



CB

Cecil & Wanda Blankenship lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 1 at 6:39 AM



MM

Marilyn Mingus lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 1 at 6:21 AM



HM

Helen Mallory lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 1 at 3:02 AM





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KD

Karen Dearmond lit a candle in honor of Burless.

September 1 at 1:35 AM



AH

Aletta Fox Hutchins lit a candle in honor of Burless.

August 31 at 9:13 PM



GN

Gail Newton lit a candle in honor of Burless.

August 31 at 4:37 PM



GC

Gena And Mike Cooper sent a virtual gift in honor of Burless.

August 31 at 8:14 AM



TC

Tommy Claxton posted:

Burliss was a good person I always enjoyed talking to him my prayers are with the family during this Sad time

August 31 at 7:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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