



Hiram Levi Burch

May 27, 1942 - November 7, 2024

Hiram Levi Burch, 82, of Altavista peacefully went to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at Autumn Care of Altavista after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was the husband of Bettie Kemmerly Burch.

He was born May 27, 1942 in Rockbridge County, a son of the late Charlie E. Burch and Annie Vest Lilly. Hiram was a man of ingenuity, creativity, quick wit, and strength. He graduated from Parry McCluer High School in Buena Vista and remained a 'Fighting Blue' his entire life. Having played football, basketball, and running track, he never missed an opportunity to tell you about "In 1962, the Blues..." Hiram retired a proud lineman/foreman for Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO/Dominion Power), carrying with him a legacy of hard work and dedication. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed archery, trout fishing, and the mountain beauty of central and southwest Virginia. He also loved the challenge of sudoku puzzles, tinkering around the house, and finding those hidden gems at area auctions.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Cynthia B. Ramsey and her husband, Kenneth and Debra B. Spencer and her husband, John; one son, Hiram "Chip" Burch, Jr.; and one granddaughter, Brooke Spencer.

He was the last surviving sibling of a large and devoted family, having been

preceded in death by his brothers, whom he idolized; Harold Burch and Clinton Burch, as well as his sisters, whom he adored; Margaret Seelke, Glenna Burch, Gladys Hart and Mattie Bergener.

A Service of Remembrance will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 11, 2024 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista inurnment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery, Altavista.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., Sunday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Memorial Service

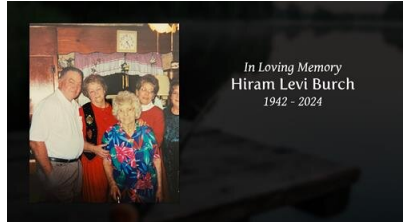
NOV **11**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Hiram Levi Burch*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 10, 2024 at 09:52 AM

TG

“ *Mrs. Spencer(Burch)... I just wanted to let you know that you are in my prayers. Every time I was driving on a trip you spoke so highly about your dad. You made sure you were there for him because I remember my daughter who was in your class would always say Mrs Spencer is not here because she had to take or do something for her dad. You did what you could do on Earth but the Good LORD is handling everything now. Praying for your family also 🙏*

Tomaka Goggins - November 11, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hiram Levi Burch.*



November 10, 2024 at 03:39 PM

BF

“ Bess and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hiram Levi Burch.



Bess and Family - November 09, 2024 at 04:30 PM

DF

“ Don, Donna, Terry & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hiram Levi Burch.



Don, Donna, Terry & Family - November 09, 2024 at 03:41 PM

LM

“ Love Always, Kathy & Bill Martin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hiram Levi Burch.



Love Always, Kathy & Bill Martin - November 09, 2024 at 02:31 PM

LM

“ Love, Pam, Jim, & Emily Mogavero purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Hiram Levi Burch.



Love, Pam, Jim, & Emily Mogavero - November 09, 2024 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ *Cindy our thoughts are prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time*

Jan Deese Bryant and family

Jan Bryant - November 09, 2024 at 12:19 PM