

BURCH, BERNARD "BERNIE" JR.

Birth

July 21, 1941, Des Moines
Polk Co., Iowa



Death

November 17, 2010, Johnston
Polk Co., Iowa

Cause of Death

Cancer



Cemetery Lot

N ½ Lot 177

Father

Bernard James Burch, Sr.

Mother

Doris Glendora Burch Fenton

Marriage

Bernard "Bernie" Burch, Jr. to Rose Blalock in 1960

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Friday, November 19, 2010, Page 5B]

Bernard "Bernie" Burch, Jr.

Bernard "Bernie" Burch, Jr., 69, passed away Wednesday, November 17, 2010. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, November 20 at Merle Hay Funeral Home, 4400 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines with burial at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orilla. The family will receive friends tonight from 5 to 8 p. m. at the funeral home.

Bernie was self-employed as a truck driver and married Rose Blalock in 1960. He enjoyed the great outdoors which included camping, fishing, and gardening. Bernie will be remembered as

one who volunteered his time and talents to those who needed it and he enjoyed spending time with his family on vacations.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose; son, Bernard Burch, III; parents: Bernard Sr. and Doris Fenton; and siblings: Doreen Burch, Pauline Legg, Dorothy Brown, Betty Grabill, and Paul Burch.

Bernie is survived by his children: Judy Burch, Wayne (Cynthia) Burch, Cathy Burch, Debra (Rick) Smith and Sharee (Jason) Grubb; twenty grandchildren; twenty great-grand-children; and siblings: Bob Burch, Wayne Burch, Jerry Burch, Joe Burch, Fran Thompson, Ruth Peacock, and Marge McBurney.

Brooks Funeral Care

Misc.

From the Memorial Card

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived,
What God has prepared for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

In Loving Memory

Bernard "Bernie" James Burch, Jr.

July 21, 1941 ~ November 17, 2010

Funeral Service

11:00 A.M., Saturday, November 20, 2010

Merle Hay Funeral Home ~ Des Moines, Iowa

Celebrant

Father John Lorenz

Special Musical Selections

Daddy's Hand ~ In The Arms Of An Angel In My Daughter's Eyes ~ Grandpa

Casket Bearers

Jesse Baird ~ Aaron Beem ~ Jason Grubb ~ Jeff Palmer ~

Rick Smith ~ Ricky "RJ" Smith, Jr.

Honorary Casket Bearers

Benjamin Burch ~ Calvin Burch ~ Daniel Burch ~

Jordan Lindsey ~ Jimmy Palmer

Interment

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery ~ Orilla, Iowa

Verse

This Old Farm

This old farm once bustled,
With animals, kids, and tractors too.
Grandpa worked all, you see,
And life was good as we all knew.
This old gray barn was lots of fun,
And that's where we used to play.
We fed the hogs and chickens,
And gathered in the eggs they lay.
Things have slowly aged with years,
And the barn is hardly used at all.
Grandma's house is leanin' now,
And I am sure is soon to fall.
But the rusty old pump stands tall and straight,
And it still works, they say.
The cats all seem to come and go,
But the memories will always stay.

Edward C. Schaefer, 1999