



## Francis Joseph Burns

July 11, 2013

Francis Joseph Burns Jr MD, 86, passed away suddenly 7/11/13 at St Anthony's hospital. He grew up in St Petersburg and was President of St Petersburg High School Class of 1944.

He graduated from Emory University in 1947 and was a member of Phi Delta Theta. He graduated from Emory University Medical School in 1951. He completed his Residency in Surgery at Bellevue Hospital in NYC. He served as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corp of the US Navy. He was the Medical Officer in charge of surgery onboard the USS WASP. He was awarded a WWII Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgeons and fellow in the American College of Surgeons. He served as President of the Florida Association of General Surgeons and American Cancer Society, Chief of Staff at Edward White Hospital, and Vice President of The Pinellas County Medical Society. He was a member of the Polywogs, Knights of Columbus, Suncoasters, Sertoma, and the Dragon Club.

He loved his family more than life itself and was a shining example of how a life should be lived. He enjoyed playing golf, sailing, and studying history. He had a sharp wit and kind word for everyone.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Mary Joye Burns, 2 sons: Steven Patrick Burns (Debra Hempel) and Thomas Michael Burns, one daughter, Cathleen Ann Burns (Chris Short) and 2 grandsons, Keto Little Burns and

Andrew Joseph Burns-Short. He was predeceased in 1986 by his son, Francis Joseph Burns III.

A viewing will be held Monday, July 15th from 5:00 ♦ 7:00pm at R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home at 3530 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710. Funeral mass will be held Tuesday morning, July 16th at St Raphael♦s Catholic Church at 10:00am.

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Francis Joseph Burns uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sandy (Schatz) Leanes - friend posted a condolence I just learned of Dr. Burns' passing. I will always remember him as such a kind, loving and proud man who gave so much to his family and community. He leaves such a powerful legacy. May the treasured memories of your precious times together bring you all peace and comfort in time.*

Sandy (Schatz) Leanes - friend - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *R.Updegraff - Friend posted a condolence Dear family. Sincere and heartfelt sympathy to you and your loved ones,Joe always made one feel special and important, with a giving happy spirit.A great doctor and a blessing to many. Ramona and Ambrose Upfegrff*

R.Updegraff - Friend - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wm & Donna Halvosa - Friends posted a condolence So sad-Joe was an institution here for the entire Beech Mtn community. Always fun and interesting on and off the golf course, and we won't forget the kind handshake and welcome he gave us when we first arrived. So long Joe and you won't be forgotten.*

Wm & Donna Halvosa - Friends - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM