

Derek Lee Burleson

April 12, 1930 - November 1, 2019

Derek Lee Burleson, 89, passed away on Nov 1st, surrounded by family at the Meadowood Health Pavilion.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Lyn), sons Scott (m. Linda) of Myrtle Beach, SC and Wayne (special friend Annette) of Amherst, Mass and 4 grandchildren. He was born April 12, 1930 to Emily Fisher and George S. Burleson on April 12, 1930 in Plattsburg, N Y. The family moved to Providence, R I and then to Washington state during World War II. He graduated from, South Kitsap HS in 1948, and later from Olympic College in 1950. He pursued his studies at the University of Washington (Seattle) 1952 with a major in English Education. He served in the US Army in Alaska from 1952-54.

He married Marilyn (Lyn) Johnson at University Temple in Seattle on July 31, 1955 and they taught in public schools in Bellingham, Washington until 1957. Burleson earned an EdD at Teacher College, Columbia University in 1960 and worked in educational publishing for Scholastic Magazines and other publishers in New York City.

He came to Bloomington in 1977 to do editorial work at the Phi Delta Kappa headquarters. Derek enjoyed music, signing in church choirs including 39 years in the First Methodist Church in Bloomington and in the White Plains, New York barbershop chorus, the Golden Chordsmen. At Meadowood, where he and his wife have lived since 2015, he's been a member of the Meadowood singers.

A memorial service will be held in the future at the First United Methodist Church, Bloomington.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

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“ *Sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers to all.*

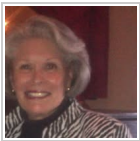
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“ *We hold such special feelings for both Derek and Lyn who welcomed us with open arms when we moved to Bloomington and invited us over for holiday meals as we had no family near by. Additionally, when we had children, they never failed to ask how we were doing and what the kids were up to. We are so sad for your loss, but we celebrate with you in remembering an amazing man. Love, Micah and Alexandra Lamb*

Micah and Alexandra Lamb - November 08, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *Billie Spellman lit a candle in memory of Derek Lee Burluson*



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