



Winston Joseph Burns

December 22, 2016

Winston J "Bootsie" Burns, Sr. passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, December 22, 2016. He was 92 years of age. He was the devoted son of Leona and George Burns. He is preceded in death by his parents, Leona and George Burns and his brother, Dr. Leonard Burns. He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Gretta Roque Burns; his daughter, Roxanne Burns Gueno and his sons, Ronald V. Burns, Sr. (Sheila); Burton E. Burns (Constance); Brian Burns (Stacie); and Winston Burns, Jr. (Wendy). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Ronald Burns, Jr.; Jason Burns (Bridget); Amber Anderson (Sylvester); Christy Burns; Damon Burns; Erin Burns; Brittany Burns; Brian Burns, Jr.; Dominique Burns; Brandon Gueno (Sarah); Shannon Phillips (Don); Trenton Gueno; and Blair Burns and eight grandchildren.

Winston J. Burns, Sr. was a graduate of Xavier University Preparatory High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education from Xavier University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp and was a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict. He recently received the Congressional Gold Medal, awarded by President Barack Obama for his service as a Montford Point Marine during WWI. It is the nation's highest civilian award.

Winston worked in the New Orleans public school system at Lockett Elementary, Carter G. Woodson Jr. High School, Gregory Jr. High School and Booker T. Washington High School. At Woodson and Booker T. Washington,

he was head coach of the track and football teams where he won numerous championships. He was a mentor for countless young men whom he taught and coached. Leading by example, he taught them the value of education and hard work. Many of his former players went on to play professionally. Winston also worked in the adult education program. After retiring from the school system, he worked in New Orleans Juvenile Court for 25 years. He was a member of Xavier prep Alumna Association, the Townsman Social and Pleasure Club and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated.

Pastor and members of St. Raymond & St Leo the Great Catholic Church, the St. Augustine High School family, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and members of the Veterans' Association are invited to attend a mass of Christian burial on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 10:00 am. Visitation is from 8:00am to 10:00 am. Rosary at 9:15am. Reverend Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ will officiate. Interment will be at St. Louis Cemetery No. 3. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **28**. 8:00 AM (CT)

3933 Washington Ave
3933 Washington Ave
New Orleans, LA 70125-2904

Tribute Wall

WG

“ *Walter Gibson sent a virtual gift in memory of Winston Joseph Burns*



Walter Gibson - December 28, 2016 at 10:10 PM

JW

“ *My prayers are with you, Winston, your brothers and your family!*

Johnny

John A. Washington - December 28, 2016 at 11:13 AM

TF

“ *Tony Turner And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Winston Joseph Burns*



Tony Turner and Family - December 28, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Winston Joseph Burns .*



December 27, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Winston Joseph Burns .*



December 27, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *I grew up next door to Mr Winston, had him as a "track" coach at St Raymond but will always remember him as a dear friend. We will still get to "drink water n chat under that carport" when I get there! Rest n peace Mr Winston. You're just "away",,, we'll see you again!*



Alma "Boopie" Davis - December 27, 2016 at 09:47 AM



*Praise GOD!
How could one man mean so much to so many people? To meet Mr. Burns, is to love him. Once he touched your life, he became a "couple of forevers": father figure, mentor, motivator to do more, be more, protector, friend and even match maker. As a young social worker who frequented Juvenile Court, he was all of that to me. May family and friends be comforted by the wonderful memories Mr. Burns left us all. To the family, my deepest condolences. GOD Bless in the name of Jesus.
Dr. Deborah Jackson-English (Washington DC Metro area)*

Dr. Deborah Jackson-English - January 14, 2017 at 11:28 PM

GD

“ Gary & Alma "Boopie" Davis lit a candle in memory of Winston Joseph Burns



Gary & Alma "Boopie" Davis - December 27, 2016 at 09:46 AM

AD

“ Alma "Boopie" Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Winston Joseph Burns



Alma "Boopie" Davis - December 27, 2016 at 09:38 AM

MC

“ I'm so saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Burns. He was a wonderful man that touched my life in ways that he probably didn't even realize. The world lost an absolute gem of a human being. R.I.P. Mr Burns and my sincere condolences to the entire Burns family.
- Mike Corn

Mike Corn - December 27, 2016 at 08:45 AM

HO

“ Winston, Wendy and Blair and the rest of the family, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers,

Holly and James Nichols and William Nalty

Holly - December 26, 2016 at 05:47 PM

LP

“ LYDIA POINDEXTER lit a candle in memory of Winston Joseph Burns



LYDIA POINDEXTER - December 25, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ BOOTSIE WAS A GREAT STORYTELLER AND I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE LISTENING....REST IN PEACE, BOOTSIE..

Ivey Kearson - December 24, 2016 at 07:32 PM

SM

“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Coach Burns. He was a great influence in the community. He was loved by the Magee family.

Selarstean Magee Mitchell - December 24, 2016 at 04:04 PM

BR

“ A great man is known by the fruit he bears. Coach was definitely a great man & touched many of us. May he Rest In Peace. Bernard & Rheneisha Robertson

Bernard Robertson - December 24, 2016 at 03:31 PM

BW

“ Bobby & Sheila Williams purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Winston Joseph Burns .



Bobby & Sheila Williams - December 24, 2016 at 02:26 PM