



Okey Lee Burgess, Jr.

July 4, 1925 - April 28, 2016

Okey Lee Burgess Jr., 90, of Estero, FL and Branford, CT, died peacefully surrounded by his family on April 28, 2016. He was born July 4, 1925 in Nellis, WV, the son of the late Sadie Rae (née Green) Stapleton and Okey Lee Burgess Sr.

Okey served his country during World War II and Korean War in the US Navy. He married the love of his life Martha Helen Rhodes, they were married for 66 years. His professional career included Avco Lycoming, Armstrong, Blue Cross Blue Shield and a family owned business Kleen-O-Matic.

Okey is survived by three daughters, Debra (Robert) Silhavey, Donna Rae (John) Cocca and Dian Pawlowski; daughter-in-law, Anne Burgess; 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Martha; son, Keith Burgess; and sister, Tressie Okamoto.

A memorial service and visitation will take place Friday, May 6, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Pkwy., Bonita Springs.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice

of Bonita Springs, FL, Operation Homefront of San Antonio, TX or Wounded Warriors Families of Omaha, NE.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Joanne's House at Hope Hospice
27200 Imperial Parkway
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Okey Lee Burgess, Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *To Dian and Family,*

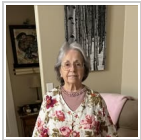
Words cannot express the sadness felt by the loss of your Dad. May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. Your Dad will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever.

With love and remembrance.

My Deepest Sympathy,

Melody Malone

Melody Malone - May 02, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ *Okey was a wonderful man who was greatly admired by everyone. He loved his wife above all else. He was a great provider for all his loved ones. Very wise and lived life to the fullest. He definitely didn't miss the dance. Will surely be missed. Happy Trails Dad.*

Love, Robin

Robin Cowell Kennedy - May 02, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *I grew up with the Burgess family, they were like my second parents. When I was young, Okey scared the heck out of me, he could e quite strict. E treated me like one of the family. When I was older I loved talking to him and had great respect for him and his great love for Martha.*

Bethann Bluder - May 01, 2016 at 06:21 PM

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“ *Okey was one of the smartest and successful people I have looked up to in my life. It was fascinating to talk and learn from him on host of real life topics. Memories of his vibrant life style will never be forgotten. God speed as he joins Mom once again as Love Birds 2. Love Yeah & Miss Yeah Okey !!!!!!!*
Bob

Bob Silhavey - May 01, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *My Father my Friend my Confidant, Love you Dian XO*

Dian Pawlowski - May 01, 2016 at 10:02 AM