



## Bobby Coy Burns

February 5, 1940 - September 12, 2022

Bobby Coy Burns, 82, of Sherwood, Arkansas, went to be with Jesus, Monday, September 12, 2022. Bob was born on February 5, 1940, in Tilton, Arkansas, to the late Rueben Fay and Hazel Baldwin Burns.

Bob attended school at Hickory Ridge, Arkansas, and excelled in basketball, especially shooting from outside. When he was just a young boy the Lord told Bob that he would attain the highest degree possible. When he graduated from high school Bob attended Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas. From there he attended East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. Bob received Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

Bob had a very successful career in education as president of East Arkansas Community College located in Forrest City, Arkansas. He retired from EACC and seven years later got a call from Northwest Arkansas wanting him to found a community college there. Bob, being the educator, took the task of founding Northwest Community in Bentonville, Arkansas, which is a very successful college today. Bob retired again after twelve years of service in Bentonville and settled in Sherwood, Arkansas. While in that position, Bob had the privilege of meeting Sam Walton (founder of Walmart) and also the Governor of Arkansas at that time, as well as many people in higher education and business. Bob was raised in church and gave his heart to the Lord at an

early age. He loved ministering and teaching the Word of God and ministered with simplicity and revelation of the Word. He taught at Central Arkansas Bible College in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Bob loved his church family at Faith Christian Center Church located in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Artis and one sister, EvaLou Creager.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Deloris L. (Turner) Burns of Sherwood, Arkansas, one sister, Mary Burns of Harrisburg, Arkansas, and many other relatives.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, September 14, 2022, at 11 AM at Slocum Cemetery with Rev. Gene Gilliam officiating.

# Cemetery Details

**Slocum Cemetery**

# Previous Events

**Graveside service**

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Slocum Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Coy Burns.*



September 15, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Dr. Bob Burns was a wonderful and interesting man and a compassionate and respectful leader. We served with Dr. Burns at Northwest Arkansas Community College. He also loved interacting with students and wrote "thank you" notes to colleagues he appreciated. We have many fond memories of Dr. Burns.*

**Stephen Pelphey** - September 15, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Enjoyed visiting with Bob and Dee after they moved to Sherwood. It was nice to have someone from home to reminisce with about school days and family and friends. Loved you Bob.*

**Ginger Slocum Randle** - September 15, 2022 at 09:29 AM



*Oh Dee, I just saw this. I wish I could have been there. I loved you and Bob so much. So many good memories. I enjoyed your teaching of the Bible in Sunday School and home. Dee I remember styling your hair and cutting Bob's. I still have the picture that was in the Forrest City Times Herald when the college started up with you holding Belynda when she was a baby and you made the front page. Then at North Western Community College another picture was taken of you two. She will be 49 in December. All my love and thoughts and prayers. 🙏*

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**Glenda Coffman** - September 18, 2022 at 08:25 AM

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“ I offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Burns. I can certainly attest, after serving as the third president of Northwest Arkansas Community College from 2013 to 2022, to the strong foundation laid by Dr. Burns. Though I did not know Dr. Burns personally, I saw immediately and throughout my tenure, the imprint of NWACC’s founding President. Without his strength and guidance in the early years of the formation of the College, the young, fledgling College may not have survived and certainly would not have been the successful institution that it is today. Again, I offer my sympathy and stand with so many others who respect and admired Dr. Burns and all his achievements in the field of higher education.

*Evelyn E. Jorgenson, Ph.D.  
President Emerita,  
Northwest Arkansas Community College*

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**Evelyn E. Jorgenson** - September 15, 2022 at 06:51 AM