Ben Burney

July 30, 1926 - January 1, 2019

Ben Richard Burney, a World War II Veteran of Crystal Springs, died in his home on January 1, 2019. Visitation will be 11am-1pm Saturday at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs. Services will be 1pm Saturday at Stringer Family Chapel with burial at Crystal Springs Cemetery.

He served in the Pacific Theater aboard the U.S.S. Soubarissen. He was the son of Ben I. and Velma McCoy Burney. He is predeceased by his parents, his wife Catherine Wilson Burney, daughter Catherine Glynn Burney and sister Marilyn Burney Thompson. Ben was born on July 30, 1926. Upon graduation from Crystal Springs High School he joined the Navy and began his military service. When he returned home, he attended Co-Lin Junior College and graduated with a degree in accounting from the University of Mississippi. On May 31, 1949, Ben was married to Catherine Wilson. He began his work career in Memphis TN, later moving to Metairie, LA.

In 1957 Ben, Catherine and their three daughters returned to his home in Crystal Springs. He worked alongside his father establishing Burney Water Well Service, providing water wells and community water lines for rural Crystal Springs residents. He also worked at Kuhlman Electric, Royal Maid in Hazlehurst, and then retired as Vice President of National Sales from Mississippi Industries for the Blind in 1987.

Even though Ben retired, he continued to actively serve his community in the Lions Club, Lake Copiah Board of Directors, financial officer of his church and as a member of the Cattleman's Association. He was a founding member of the U.S.S. Soubarissen Ship Reunions, attended these events with shipmates all over the nation, and hosted several reunions in his home state. Bringing World War II Navy Veterans together for these reunions was one of his passions. He made time to teach his grandsons to sail and navigate his sailboat in the Gulf of Mexico.

He is survived by daughter, Janice Burney Arrington (Myron Lamar) of Crystal Springs; daughter Virginia Burney Price (Joel) of Brandon; Grandchildren: Jamie Myers (Kelli); Erica DeRouen (John); Isaac Price (Meghan); Thomas Price (Tricia); Lee Berry (Belle); Ben Berry (Katie);
Great-Grandchildren: Josh Myers (Haley), Kaylin Fisher and Greyson Myers; Jon Aaron, Chelsea, Katie and Jayme DeRouen; Andrew, Madison, Hunter and Carson Price; Charlie Berry; Avery Berry and Tillie Berry; and Great-great-grandson: Peter Myers

Pallbearers will be grandsons and great-grandsons.

Memorials can be made to Mississippi Toughest Kids (P. O. Box 520, Crystal Springs, MS 39059) and Mercy House Adult & Teen Challenge (1110 Mary St., Georgetown, MS 39078)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **5**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
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Service

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Tribute Wall

Ben Burney

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

BM

Thinking of you at this most difficult time. You have my deepest condolences. I have fond memories of visiting the farm during the 1960's in Crystal Springs, Miss.

Bradley A. Morris (son of Jack and Sara Morris and Brother to T. Morris)
Simpsonville, South Carolina
1-31-19

BRADLEY MORRIS - January 31, 2019 at 09:40 PM

CH

I just had an email from Terri that cousin Ben had passed away. I'm sorry to hear of his
passing. I know you girls will find comfort in our Lord.
I'm sure you are wondering who I am. Your grandmother (Velma) and my mother, Ruth
McCoy Richey were sisters. Dad (Homer), Mom (Ruth), and Connie(I'm a cousin) came
you all around 1962.
I feel Ben and Marilyn got the best of both Uncle Benny and Aunt Velma. They were all always such fun, and a joy to be with.
My prayers are with you all.

Connie (Richey) Henderson - January 24, 2019 at 11:48 PM

TM

Ben touched my life in great ways in his friendship, family, and passion for living life to the fullest. I loved and will miss him.
Through the years we wrote letters, emailed, phone calls and always...that fun, unexpected call: "Hey, Gal, we're here in Colorado and would love to see ya!" We had fabulous visits with him. I remember one memory that he was most excited about, was telling me, and sending, the video of his parachute jump; at his age!
I pray God will comfort each of you, and He wrap you in His Peace. My desire is to honor Ben's life and his Savior; Jesus Christ.
Love,
"T" (Terri Lee) Morris, daughter of Jack & Sara (McCoy/Richey) Morris
Aurora, Colorado
1-24-19

Terri Morris - January 24, 2019 at 04:51 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We enjoyed getting to know Ben and working with him at Lake Copiah. Cyril and Annette Hollister

Annette C Hollister - January 05, 2019 at 10:38 AM

GE

Gibbs and Rita Eady purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ben Burney.

Gibbs and Rita Eady - January 04, 2019 at 12:08 PM

CC

Ben was Lions Ciub member for over 50 years. His dedication, service, creativity and commitment to our community will be missed. We loved Ben. He will be remembered for his contributions to Crystal Springs Lions and to the community. He was particularly known for his sense of humor, often paying fines with used hearing aid batteries instead of quarters!
Well done, good and faithful servent, well done.

Crystal Springs Lions Club - January 03, 2019 at 04:24 PM

CP

Mr. Burney was a such a kind man. He will be missed by many. Prayers for his family as they adjust their lives without this "friend."
Love to you all,
The Larry Pearson Family

Cheryl Pearson - January 03, 2019 at 02:55 PM