



## Roger James Burton, Jr.

March 13, 1926 - January 25, 2015

Roger James Burton Jr. was born to the late Roger James Burton Sr. and Florist Irene Burton on March 13, 1926 in Chicago Illinois. As a young adult, he attended John H. Francis Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles where he graduated in 1942. He then attended UCLA in Los Angeles to study Art and went into the Army Airforce traveling all over the world and participating in the Korean War. He later worked at Bethesda Naval Hospital where he retired on December 31, 1988. After retiring, Roger did odd painting jobs for various friends and family with one of his closest friends, Mr. Jewel Nile Bowman. He also became more involved with the care of his special needs son. Roger married and had two daughters and one son. His kids were raised with discipline and love and were always told to strive for excellence. Roger was a faithful member of New Southern Rock Baptist Church for over 30 years until his illness. When Roger became a Granddad, it was the most precious thing in the world to him. He loved all of his grandchildren with a compassionate heart. He had many stories of wisdom and guidance to share. His family and friends will miss his laughter, stubbornness, singing, dancing, and his favorite phrase "I'm hanging in there?". Roger is preceded in death by his beloved wife Joan Maria Burton; mother-in-law Juanita Delores Wright; beloved daughter Beverly Jean Burton Robinson; and sister-in-law Thelma Maxine Burton. He leaves to celebrate his life: Children, Rogenia (William), Ricardo; two beloved brothers, Charles Sr. & Vincent (Odessa); sister-in-law Janet, brothers-in-law, Willie & Billy; four grandchildren, Reggie, William Jr., Michael,

and Kayla. Adopted grandchild Cassie; one God Grandchild Chanel; four special extended family members Francis Stepney, Diana Maulsby, Evelyn Obgue, and Charles Anyaso; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My sincere condolences to my dear cousins for the lost of your dad and my uncle. Although many miles away, my thoughts and prayers are with my distant relatives at this sad time.*

*I was only a little boy when I last saw Uncle Jr. when he came to Kansas to visit, but I still do remember his visits.*

*I'm sure I am speaking for the whole Burton family here in Topeka, that Roger will be deeply missing and his passing has left a definite vacant spot in all of our hearts.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Dwane Burton and the Burton Family and Kid's  
Topeka, Ks*

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**Dwane Burton** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Father and our Uncle. We remember him fondly and although circumstances do not allow us to travel, please be assured that we are with you in spirit.*

*Toni and Randy Shenk*

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**Toni L. Shenk** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ *To the Burton Family;*

*Please accept our deepest condolences for the recent loss of your brother Roger James Burton Jr.. My mother (Barbara Hutchison) spoke highly and frequently of him as they in the past shared lively much conversation, and musings about the world, particularly when she was visiting the area.*

*He will be missed by all as his contributions were great!*

*Again please accept our regrets and warmest condolences.*

*With love,*

*J.Scott, Lauren, and Lindsey Hutchison*

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**J.Scott Hutchison** - January 23 at 02:48 PM