



Robert James "Butch" Butler

October 9, 1946 - November 20, 2022

Robert James Butler, affectionately known as "Butch," was born in Carlisle, PA, son of the late Robert and Dorothy Byers-Butler. Butch attended schools in both Cumberland County and Harrisburg, PA. While Butch played football at Edison Jr. High, he met and married his forever cheerleader and sweetheart, Cynthia Rucker. They would fall in love, get married and begin a family at an early age. This union lasted almost sixty years.

Butch was an excellent provider and worked hard on his first job for the Pennsylvania Railroad. As his brothers and cousins were joining the military, Butch went to work on the railroad with his father and learned to be a man. One of his favorite quotes from his Dad was, "Anyone can make a baby, but not everyone is man enough to take care of it." That's exactly what he did from that day on; he took care of his family very well. The railroad position eventually led to him becoming a Supervisor and Superintendent, moving his family from Harrisburg to Sunbury (up the Susquehanna River) and into New Jersey, where many close friendships were made and are still maintained to this day. Not only was Butch a hard worker, but he also mentored some in the family and would assist them also with starting railroad careers.

Butch was an entrepreneur, co-owning a gas station and owning two local bars over the years. One of his goals was to create a business that would employ and help his immediate family members.

He would go on to retire from Amtrak, and he held several positions with the Local Laborers #1180 Union and PP & G. Apart from his working career, Butch was an avid hunter, fisher and an accomplished biker. If you knew Butch, you knew that this time of year he would be hunting in Breezewood with his sons, cousins, nephews and grandsons. He even taught his oldest daughter how to hunt; until she wouldn't be quiet enough in the woods.

Butch thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors from hunting to deep sea fishing trips, to family camping and fishing trips all up and down the East and West Coasts and into Canada.

He taught his kids how to respect sports whether it was learning how to shoot, motorcycle safety, snow mobiles or four-wheelers. He made them take classes for the different licenses before engaging in the different activities. Butch was so good with the sports that he was featured several times in the PA Game News and local newspapers as he won several contests for the size of his catches...whether from a fishing rod, a rifle or even a cross bow.

Butch lived a life where he knew no strangers and always tried to help others. If he liked you, he loved you; and if he didn't, he would often tell you and why. He wanted the best for others and appreciated diligent workers who worked hard for what they wanted. He didn't like laziness or excuses. He told stories of how he walked for miles as a kid and appreciated what his parents provided. He taught his children to have good penmanship, how to be honest, respectful, how to cook, how to drive, hunt, fish, play cards and have a good time. He even took his baby girl to see her favorite, Michael Jackson in concert.

In his later life, Butch made many personal changes and realized he had a spiritual need. He surrounded himself with his family and whether it was a

cruise, a sporting event, listening to Aaron Neville or simply playing cards, he was usually the life of the party. He loved spending time with his family and will be especially missed by his partner in crime. The grandkids called him “Dad” because that’s what he was – Dad.

Our Butch was a husband, father, Dad, grandpop, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He enjoyed life and wanted to live as long as possible. Unfortunately, his illnesses took a toll on his mind and body for the past several years. We are more than grateful for the time we’ve had together. On Sunday morning, November 20th, 2022, Butch fell asleep in death surrounded by his loving family.

He is predeceased by his parents, Robert and Dorothy Butler, and grandson, David Butler Jr.

He leaves to mourn his fond memories: devoted wife, Cynthia (Rucker) Butler; children, Robert J. Butler III, David Butler Sr., both of Harrisburg, PA, Anita (Norman) Daye of Virginia Beach, VA, and Susan (Hank) Butler-Davis of Philadelphia, PA.; daughter of the heart, Maureen Gunther of Harrisburg; twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six bonus great-grandchildren in Virginia Beach, VA. His memory will also be cherished by his brothers, William Smith of Winston Salem, NC., George (Sam) Butler of Altoona, PA, Frank (Angie) Butler of Harrisburg; sisters, Sara Jean Johnson of Chambersburg, PA, Clara (Becky) Barber, Bessie (Claude) Phipps and Shirley Thorpe, all of Harrisburg; and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to name.

We eagerly look forward to when we will see Butch again, resurrected to a paradise earth with no more pain, sickness or death and the opportunity to live with him on earth forever.

(Rev 21:3, 4 and Psalm 37:29)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens

6701 Jonestown Rd
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

DEC 2. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
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Viewing

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Robert James "Butch" Butler



Wallace Funeral Directors - December 01, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ Georgia Chisolm lit a candle in memory of Robert James "Butch" Butler



Georgia Chisolm - January 10, 2023 at 04:55 AM



“ Georgia Chisolm lit a candle in memory of Robert James "Butch" Butler



Georgia Chisolm - December 30, 2022 at 03:53 AM

SB

“ To the family of Mr. Robert Butch Bulter,he was a kind and loving person. The Sullivan family of Salisbury,North Carolina send heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved one,and we look forward to seeing to seeing Mr. BULTER in paradise.

Shelia Sullivan

shelia sullivan cousin of wife of Butch - December 17, 2022 at 09:29 AM

RB

“ Sending Heartfelt Condolences 🙏 to the entire Family so sorry to learn of the passing of your loved one ❤️ may he sleep in peace 🙏



Renée Burston - December 04, 2022 at 01:33 PM

CF

“ My condolences and Prayers cousin Cini and Family. May He Rlp.



Crystal Newkirk & Woodward Family - December 02, 2022 at 04:59 PM

RH

“ Love and prayers to the Butler family. Prayerfully submitted by the St. Paul AME Church family and Pastor, Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey.



Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey - December 01, 2022 at 10:41 PM

SL

“ To Cindy and family, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your love one. Prayerfully submitted by James "Sloke" Roberts and the Roberts family.

SLOKE - December 01, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert James "Butch" Butler.



December 01, 2022 at 03:44 PM

FA

“ To: Sue, Henry and family. Please except our deepest sympathy for the passing of your father. Although I didn't get to meet Mr. Butch personally, I sence from reading his Obituary he was trully a kind and caring person who I would have love to have met.



Take your sweet rest Mr. Butch, well done thy good and faithful servant.

Sorryfully yours,
Tina and Family. 🙏

Fonytina Ayers - December 01, 2022 at 10:48 AM

JP

So sorry 😞 to hear of Bro. Butch may our Heavenly Father's give you and your family's strength to carry on in your time of grief. I did not know him personally but reading his obituary I would love ❤️ to have meet him personally. Wonderful person he was. He definitely will be missed. Rest until you are awake my Jesus Christ.

Jackie Parker - December 02, 2022 at 08:14 AM

FT

“ Our sincerest condolences to Sue and family on the passing of her dear father. Though we didn't have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Butler, however, I can tell he was a great family man. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you all. Warmest regards, Frannie, India & Jessiah. 🤔

Franceina Thorne - November 30, 2022 at 05:28 PM

JJ

“ Condolences to Cindy and the Butler family. Butch was a teammate and friend back in the day at Edison. As I read about his life I could see his smile although I hadn't seen him for over 50 years .RIP my friend and God Bless the Butler family.
Jim "Punkin "Anderson



James A Anderson JR - November 30, 2022 at 02:20 PM

MH

“ The Hughes family send their prayers and condolences (Michelle, Giovanna and Edward)

MichelleLynette Hughes - November 30, 2022 at 02:06 PM

JS

“ *Joni Stahl lit a candle in memory of Robert James "Butch" Butler*



joni Stahl - November 30, 2022 at 08:31 AM

AN

“ *I did not know this gentlemen reading his obituary he seemed to be a loving soul who lived life to the fullest and loved his family Gid bless him my condolences to his family.*



Anonymous - November 30, 2022 at 07:31 AM

TM

“ *Angel butler I send my deepest condolences to you and your family sending positive energy and love your way.*

Tina Cameron Morrison - November 30, 2022 at 04:41 AM

MV

“ *To the Family of Robert "Butch" Butler:*

“Grief is like the ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim.”

Myron Varlow-Walters - November 30, 2022 at 12:47 AM

LC

“ Angel and all of the Butler family I am sorry for your loss and sending my condolences. Thinking of you in your time of grief and sending loving prayers.



Lisa CollinsGaston - November 29, 2022 at 11:33 PM

ES

“ To Aunt Cindy, & children,

You have my heartfelt condolences 🙏 in the homegoing of Uncle Butch. He was the life of the party at every family event full of life, love, and happiness. Our family has suffered a great loss and heaven has gained a comedian.

The Smith family, Pud, Matt, Billy, Elder Michelle, & Toby
God is able

Elder Michell Smith-Jackson - November 29, 2022 at 05:21 PM

ES

Elder Michelle Smith-Jackson

Elder Michell Smith-Jackson - November 29, 2022 at 05:22 PM

WF

With Heartfelt Sympathy

wilma Finley - November 30, 2022 at 09:54 AM

AB

Too Cindy, Becky and the Butler Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this your time of sorrow. I think of the good times we had with Butch at your Mom and Dad's house. God Bless.

Ann Brantley and Family

Ann Brantley - November 30, 2022 at 12:47 PM

AP

🌸Dear Cindy, Family & Friends: May Butch be granted Eternal Rest and The Family Eternal Peace. Sending our Deepest Sympathy ❤️🕊️ Emily Ann Pitts & Alice Pitts/McArthur (Peaches)

Alice Pitts-McArthur - November 30, 2022 at 04:50 PM

AL

Cindy, Bobby, David (my daughter's father) Angel and Sue. Sending love and prayers for all of you. My daughter adored her grandfather as did I. May he rest peacefully

Alicia Lockett - November 30, 2022 at 07:29 PM

RB

Anita, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers for peace, comfort and strength.

Rebecca Burrus - December 03, 2022 at 02:55 AM

LM

To Angel, Ms. Cindy and Butler Family and Friends. I am sending my sincere condolences. May God comfort everyone during this difficult time. Keeping everyone in my prayers.

Laurie McKinney-Stroble - December 03, 2022 at 02:57 PM