



## Burch Wood

July 16, 1945 - June 25, 2025

Burch Wood was born in Clarksville, GA to Margaret and Homer. He grew up in the mountains with his four brothers Barry, Bronn, Bruce, and Brady. When he was young, Burch spent years designing and building houses in beautiful Clayton, GA with his brothers under Wood Brothers Construction. At 21 years old, he started his own family with the birth of Sharla. Burch soon met Brenda, whom he always said was the “love of his life” and moved to Newport, TN where they welcomed Little Burch and Nicole. In Newport, Burch bought I-40 Texaco in 1973—a fabled place. The timeless, hilarious stories about I-40 Texaco are passed down through the generations to this day. Burch owned and operated the gas and service station until 1995. Burch started Newport Tire and Service in 1987. He did tire service, ran a 24-hour wrecker business, rented trailers and cars, and sold John Deere equipment until 2014. Just like I-40 Texaco, Burch created a business where people could not only come to service their cars but also laugh and catch up. Burch’s friends and family were often around just to be with him and enjoy an afternoon. Burch was also known for his kindness for all living things. He lovingly raised generations of Hereford and Angus cattle. Everyday he would rise early to not only feed his herd, but the wild turkey, deer, and birds. These wild animals met him at their daily feeding spots in anticipation of their breakfast for decades. His kids and grandkids, nieces and nephews remember him fearlessly careening up steep hills in the gator singing or whistling on his way to feed his animals. In general, Burch loved to be outdoors, and would spend full days behind the wheel of a

pontoon boat with his family and a full cooler on board. His love for his family was indescribable. He had a gentle way of drawing them closer. He adored his mother, Margaret, who taught him the work ethic that characterized his entire life. His bond with his brothers was deep and unbreakable, and his devotion to his wife, Brenda, of 48 years, was unending. He was also an invaluable and loyal friend to so many, especially Carl, his brother-in-law who he spent innumerable days working with him at the tire store and the farm. The greatest of his many titles was Papaw. He made each of his grandchildren feel specially adored by him. There is much to say about Burch Wood. He was an extremely intelligent and multi-faceted man while also being remarkably simple. He was proud of his deep Appalachian roots, of which his thick accent was a dead giveaway, and was working on an oral history of his important and storied past in the region. He was known by his many friends and family as an exceedingly kind, accepting, and peaceful man. Brother, Dad, Papaw, Uncle, We will think of you always and find peace that you are reunited with Homer Wood, Margaret Wood, Barbara Wood, Bronn Wood, and Brenda Wood, who we know you missed dearly. You have a long list of family who proudly carry on your legacy, including Sharla Wood Butler (Joey Hartman), Burch Wood (Elizabeth), Nicole Taylor (April), Ben Clark, David Butler, Margaret Butler, Ella Taylor, Cameron Taylor, Jacob O'Bryan, Jake Hartman, Maggie Hartman, great-granddaughter Mae Clark, your brothers Bruce Wood, Barry Wood, and Brady Wood, brother-in-law Carl Cook and sisters-in-law Laverne Cook, Maxine Wood, Sara Wood, Sandra Wood, who he loved like sisters and many special nieces and nephews. Burch Wood died on June 25, 2025 at 79 years old in East Tennessee. Receiving of friends will be Friday, June 27th at Manes Funeral Home in Newport, TN from 5-7pm. Graveside services for family and close friends will be at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Dandridge, TN on June 28th at 11am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the National Park Foundation in his honor. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JUN **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Graveside Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM.

Resthaven Mausoleum Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Burch Wood*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - June 27, 2025 at 01:25 PM

IG

*So sorry for your loss we loved Burch and all the family*

Irene Greene - June 29, 2025 at 04:45 AM

SP

“ *Nicole and family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I know he was a wonderful father and grandfather. I pray the the peace and grace of the Lord will comfort you in the times to come. Praying for you all.*  
*Stephen Parris*

Stephen Parris - July 07, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of a very good friend & for the family. Burch was such a good man, always helping people and always had a great laugh. We will miss him dearly.*

*Mike & Karen Coffee*

Karen Coffee - July 05, 2025 at 10:46 AM

HB

“ We were so sorry to hear about Burch, we was a wonderful man and neighbor who helped us out several times. It's so heartwarming to read through the condolences and comments and see all the wonderful photos. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends, he will be sorely missed. Harry and Susan Bryant.

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**Harry and Susan Bryant** - July 04, 2025 at 01:53 PM

SD

“ Many heartfelt condolences to your entire family..

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**susie dollar** - July 02, 2025 at 07:23 PM

TM

“ Sharla and Family, we're so sorry to hear the passing of your father. Praying for you and your family dear in this difficult time.Ps121  
Tony & Tonya Thornton Moyers

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**Tonya D Moyers** - June 29, 2025 at 07:24 PM

PC

“ So sorry to hear about Burch we will have you all in our prayers

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**Phyllis and Leonard Combs** - June 29, 2025 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ Kurt and I are so very sorry to hear about Burch's passing. He was a wonderful man. He will be greatly missed by many people. We will be praying for your family.

*Sacha and Kurt Steele*

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**Sacha Steele** - June 28, 2025 at 11:49 PM

GW

“ *My sincere condolences 🙏*

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**Glenda Willis** - June 28, 2025 at 12:58 PM

MC

“ *To the family of Burch Wood, our deepest condolences for your loss. He was a special individual whose warmth, kindness, and humor left a lasting impression on all who knew him.*

*With heartfelt sympathy, it is our prayer that God will comfort the family during this sad time.*

*Mary Ann Hartsell-Chrisman & Jay Harold Chrisman*

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**Mary Ann Chrisman** - June 28, 2025 at 12:03 PM

RM

“ *We are very sorry for your family's loss.*

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**Rob and Lisa Myers** - June 28, 2025 at 09:51 AM

CE

“ *Me or my entire family would not be where we are today without the help of this man. He was always a good friend to my dad, older brother, and even me as a child. He was always there to help, lend a tool, and just be a friend to all those around him. The world lost an amazing man!*

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**Chuck Evans** - June 28, 2025 at 07:41 AM

LK

“ I'm sorry I couldn't make it there in person to pay my respects. Work wouldn't allow it. But I have so many memories growing up around Birch. I loved hanging out around their house and the garage. He was one of the sweetest men I've had the pleasure of knowing. He was a good friend to my father and I looked up to him like a father. He always had a smile. My prayers are with all the family, I love each and every one of you!

*Lisa Wise Kyker*

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**lisa kyker** - June 27, 2025 at 09:24 PM

TL

“ We are so sorry to hear about your dad passing. We always thought so much of your mom and dad. May God give all of you peace. Out of town and couldn't attend so sorry. Tim Tammy , Matthew and Zach Lawson



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**Tammy A Lawson** - June 27, 2025 at 08:57 PM

WA

So sorry to hear that Burch passed, deepest sympathy to Brenda, Sharla, Little Burch, and Nicole. We had a lot of great fun both at the Texaco and on the hill. There were lots of stories, some true and some tall tales, told. He will be missed!!!

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**Wayne** - June 28, 2025 at 10:54 AM

SH

“ I can remember stopping at the Texaco station as a child wondering who was going to be sitting on the bench outside. Later, I realized we just paid those weekly visits as a time to catch up with a man who offered so much more than a gas fill-up. My father often credits his success as a businessman to Burch; he claims working for him as a young man was his favorite job. Burch was always so kind to my Daddy, and I am most grateful for the way he always supported our family with such love and advice . I have overheard my father state on multiple occasions that Burch Wood was a man he valued most in our community. He will be missed by so many, but his legacy will live on for generations in the Allen family.

Sheri (Allen) Hall - June 27, 2025 at 08:13 PM

DJ

“ Our Deepest Sympathy  
Doug and Joyce Shoemaker

D & J - June 27, 2025 at 07:29 PM

Pat  
Evans  
Larry  
Stephenson

“ The Evans family is so sorry to hear about Burchs passing. He was a dear friend to us all...love and prayers for you all.



Pat Evans Larry Stephenson - June 27, 2025 at 07:17 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Dwayne and Sherry Breeden - June 27, 2025 at 05:57 PM

EI

“ Erica, Joey, Asher, Phoenix, and Ian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burch Wood.

Erica, Joey, Asher, Phoenix, and Ian - June 27, 2025 at 05:21 PM

EI

“ Erica, Joey, Asher, Phoenix, and Ian purchased the Garden Accent - "Someone you love..." for the family of Burch Wood.



Erica, Joey, Asher, Phoenix, and Ian - June 27, 2025 at 05:21 PM

CI

“ So so sorry for the family’s great loss. I know you all will miss him dearly. Burch was a good man. Always helped us and I’m sure many others the same. You all have been a blessing to our family for many years and so sad for this loss. Love you all and will be in our prayers now and the days to come.

*Our deepest condolences  
Don, Cindy Wise and family*

cindy - June 27, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Burch Wood.

June 27, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Burch Wood.*



June 27, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Burch Wood.

June 27, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Burch Wood.*



June 27, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ 256 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - June 27, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Burch Wood.

June 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Burch Wood.



June 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Sharla, I am so sorry for your loss. It's been a long time since we've seen each other but I remember you well. My heart goes out to you and your family. May God bless you all and comfort you. Love, Cindy

Cynthia Diane Valentine - June 27, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Such a great loss to the community. Burch Wood was a natural aristocrat, who left this world a much better place than it was when he was born. Like many, we will treasure our memories of this wonderful man.

Duay, Kay, and Amber O'Neil - June 27, 2025 at 11:21 AM

TM

“ We will deeply miss our family friend Burch. He was full of life and loved his family and friends. He enjoyed his life on the lake and his farm and sharing those experiences with others. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all the family. May Burch rest in peace with Lord.



Thomas W Conway, MD - June 27, 2025 at 09:42 AM

SI

“ Service One, Inc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burch Wood.

Service One, Inc - June 27, 2025 at 09:16 AM

SI

“ Service One, Inc purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Burch Wood.



Service One, Inc - June 27, 2025 at 09:16 AM

EM

“ East TN Heat & Air, Tim & Carla Mounger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burch Wood.

East TN Heat & Air, Tim & Carla Mounger - June 27, 2025 at 09:13 AM

EM

“ *East TN Heat & Air, Tim & Carla Mounger purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Burch Wood.*



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**East TN Heat & Air, Tim & Carla Mounger** - June 27, 2025 at 09:13 AM

SN

“ *Steve&Stacy Naville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burch Wood.*

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**Steve&Stacy Naville** - June 27, 2025 at 09:00 AM

SN

“ *Steve&Stacy Naville purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Burch Wood.*



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**Steve&Stacy Naville** - June 27, 2025 at 09:00 AM