



## John Richard Burnett

June 10, 1942 - December 17, 2014

A celebration of life for John Richard "Dick" Burnett, 72, of Lubbock will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 20, 2014, at Vendelia Church of Christ, located at 2002-60th Street with Doug Hale officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Sanders Funeral Home. Dick's family will receive friends from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Dick went to be with the Lord and Savior on Wednesday Dec, 17, 2014 after a valiant battle with cancer. Dick was born June 10, 1942 in Hale Center to Roland and Johnnie Mae Burnett. He moved to Lubbock in the early 1950's where he attended local schools and graduated from Monterey High School in 1960. Dick served in the Army Reserves and retired from Southwestern Bell in 1991 with 25 years' service. Dick married Sylvia Nell Cunningham March 10, 1967. They are both members of Vandelia Church of Christ. Dick was an avid golfer and made many lifelong friends at Rawls Golf Course. He was a blood donor and had reached the Hall of Fame status with United Blood Services of Lubbock.

Dick was preceded in death by his daughter Leah Burnett, sister Rolinda Ammann, and parents Roland and Johnnie Mae Burnett.

Survivors include his wife Sylvia Burnett, sisters Sharon Bayne and Karen Shuman, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Dick, known for his quick wit, and sometimes outrageous sense of humor, expressed his love by doing silly things such as naming the family members' cars and teasing all the little children. Dick always managed to keep friends

and family members laughing. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to thank the Joe Arrington Cancer Center and Hospice of Lubbock for their tremendous care and service and asks that any donations/memorials be sent to these fine organizations.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

DEC **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Vandelia Church of Christ  
2002-60th. St.  
Lubbock, TX 79412

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Sylvia,  
I'm so sorry, I didn't know that Dick passed away. I was just looking you up on the computer to see if you were on Facebook and found this obituary. I am sorry I wasn't there for you at the services. You guys were my second parents for many years and I am so grateful for all of the warm memories. Dick Burnett was a funny, loving and doting father and husband. I will always remember him fondly. I think of Leah almost daily. I hope that you are able to find some comfort during this very difficult time. I love you,  
Sincerely,  
Rachel Dayton (Smith)

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**Rachel Dayton** - April 10, 2015 at 11:48 AM

VC

“ Vanessa Chavez purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Richard Burnett.



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**Vanessa Chavez** - December 19, 2014 at 02:58 PM

CF

“ Charla & Skip, Mandi, Kris and family purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of John Richard Burnett.



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**Charla & Skip, Mandi, Kris and family** - December 19, 2014 at 10:26 AM

CW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

*Vonseth (Don) Adams Family*

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**Cynthia Womack** - December 19, 2014 at 09:40 AM

SW

“ Sylvia~~~I was so sorry to hear of Dicks passing this week! I knew he was no longer sending his updates I so looked forward to ever so often! He fought a good fight and had such a great attitude! He loved you dearly and always talked about his sweet wife and how she had it all under control! Enjoy the memories and just know as I know , it does get easier after all the first of special days and holidays etc! Love and God Bless you and the other family members as well.....Sharon Wylie .....Waco,Texas

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**Sharon Wylie** - December 18, 2014 at 10:52 PM

CF

“ Cynthia, Kaaki, Kelly and families purchased the Let It Snow for the family of John Richard Burnett.



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**Cynthia, Kaaki, Kelly and families** - December 18, 2014 at 03:16 PM