Service Summary

Memorial Service
11:00 AM Sat Jan 28, 2012

Beck Funeral Home Chapel
898 Hwy 441 South
Clayton, GA 30525

Obituary

Henry Redmond Burkitt, Jr., passed away on January 18, 2012 at his home in Lakemont, GA. Born Feb. 28, 1939, in Nashville, TN, he was preceded in death by parents, Henry Sr., and Elizabeth. He is survived by his beloved wife of 23 years, Penny Burkitt; cherished son Eric Todd Burkitt of Charlotte, NC, and deeply loved daughter Ashley Burkitt Margulis of St. Louis, MO; grandchildren Lucas Clement Burkitt and Mary Stewart Rivers Burkitt, Thomas Burkitt Margulis and Katherine Elizabeth Margulis; stepdaughter, Mary Katherine Griffin of Atlanta and sister Mary Burkitt Johnson of Nashville, TN.

Henry graduated in 1957 from Nashville's Hillsboro H.S., where he played sports and was an avid dancer. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tennessee in 1962 and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. His first job was as a site inspector for Dupont, and he then progressed to a 40-plus-year career in medical supplies and equipment, retiring from McKesson Corp. in 2008 as a district manager. In 1989 he met and married Penny. They initially resided in Atlanta, spending many wonderful weekends at Lake Rabun, GA. After moving to Lakemont, he was a Lake Rabun Assn. volunteer for many years and helped with the annual Lake Rabun clean-up day. He also volunteered to help administer the Lake Rabun Foundation Scholarship Program. Henry was an eager Boy Scout, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and he remained a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America throughout his lifetime. He was an avid motorcyclist, participated in a 4-wheel drive club and took pride in driving his Corvette.

A memorial service will be held at Beck Funeral Home in Clayton, GA on January 28, 2012 at 11 AM with Rev. Chuck Stutsman officiating. A post-memorial reception will take place at the Lake Rabun Hotel immediately thereafter.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers all remembrances go to Boggs Mountain Humane Shelter, PO Box 249, Tiger, GA 30576 or to the Boy Scouts Troop 40, 1004 Rainey Mtn. Road, Clayton, GA 30525.

Beck Funeral Home, in Clayton, Georgia, is in charge of the arrangements. If there are any questions, please call 706-782-9599. An online Memorial Register Book is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.