



## Charles E. Burwell

March 26, 1929 - April 6, 2020

Hampton Falls - Charles E. Burwell, 91, a former longtime resident of Hampton Falls, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 6, 2020 at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood where he had been living due to failing health. He was born in Saugus, MA on March 26, 1929, the middle son of the late Charles W. and Marian L. (Elmer) Burwell. He shared 55 wonderful years of marriage with his late wife, Vera (Cotton) Burwell who predeceased him in 2004.

Charles grew up in Saugus, MA and graduated from Saugus High School with the Class of '47. He went on to attend the College of Agriculture 2-year program at the University of New Hampshire. During this time, he also served in the Naval Reserves. He later received an honorary BS degree from UNH for his work with Heifer International in West Africa. Mr. Burwell, along with his father, owned and operated a poultry and dairy farm in Hampton Falls from 1947-1975. During this time he served on the Board of Directors for New England Milk Producers. After he sold the family farm, he worked as a dairy technical advisor from 1975-78 for Heifer International in Cameroon, West Africa. Charles became the Program Director for Heifer International for the next 6 years and then began another livestock development project under the auspices of USAID, Winrock International and the Ministries of Agriculture on the island of Antigua. During this time, his wife served alongside him, offering hospitality to global staff and volunteers.

Charles has been a member of both Exeter and Hampton Congregational churches as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church while living in Warner Robins, GA. He enjoyed serving as an elder, teacher, and stewardship advisor.

Family members include two daughters, Rev. Deborah Knowlton of Hampton and Dr. Rebecca J. Corvey of Atlanta, GA; six grandchildren, Kathryn Corvey, Matthew Corvey and his wife, Elise; Sarah Knowlton, Daniel Knowlton and his wife, Laura; two great-grandsons, Joseph and Paul Corvey, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Bellitti and his

brother, Rev. Dr. Wesley Burwell of Exeter.

His family gives thanks for his steadiness, warmth, love of his family and stewardship of the earth.

Due to the recent pandemic, no services are planned for this time. Interment and a celebration service will be held when possible. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH 03842 or to [Heifer International]<https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/animals/index.html> 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202. Please check back for service date and time updates.

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## West View Cemetery

Hampton Falls, NH,

# Comments

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“ Becky & Deb;  
My love and condolences to you and your family. I have wonderful memories of all of you. God bless you.  
Anne (Sarni) King

Anne Sarni - April 12, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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“ Rev. Deb,  
  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss! Thinking of you during this Holy week.  
  
Be well, take care,  
  
Love you,  
Mark and The Dangora Family

Mark - April 10, 2020 at 01:25 PM

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“ We loved to hear the stories of his amazing life and he told them with such joy. I especially hold dearly the times we spent driving along the ocean and stopping for ice cream. He was passionate about coffee ice cream!

Annmarie and Ron - April 09, 2020 at 01:37 PM

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“ Sitting with Charlie during church services was wonderful. He was always so proud of Reverend Debbie. My heartfelt condolences to all his family.

Jacqueline Platt - April 09, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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“ Rebecca Bernardi lit a candle in memory of Charles E. Burwell



**Rebecca Bernardi** - April 09, 2020 at 02:57 AM

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“ Charlie a.k.a "poppa b", was by far the most incredible human being I have ever encountered. I met him a year ago, when he moved into my work, & right away I could tell he was special. He made the sunniest days more enjoyable, & the rainy days a little brighter, not just for me, but for many people. I feel so incredibly lucky to have known him, & his wonderful daughter, Debbie. Charlie just felt like home. He always said he didnt know what he would do with out me, & I reciprocated it to him every second. We shared a bond that I will never forget. I will always cherish him in my heart, & getting to be a part of his day to day life is one of the best gifts I have ever recieved.

I love you forever.

Rest in the sweetest of peace.



**Jennifer Winiarz** - April 09, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ Also, I'd like to extend my condolences to the rest of the family & friends who loved him so

**Jennifer Winiarz** - April 09, 2020 at 01:27 AM



“ So glad I met him and listened to his reminisces about farming in Hampton Falls. What a life! My sympathies to his family. You were blessed.

**Beverly Mutrie** - May 02, 2020 at 07:24 PM

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“ Charlie was a Gentleman, full of Wonderful Stories. He will be missed by all he has touched with his warmth and kindness.  
My condolences to the family.

**John Recupero** - April 08, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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“ He had a wonderful life,touching so many people with his gentle,honest personality. I was so pleased to know him through his daughter Reverend Deb Knowlton: to whom he passed his knowledge and wisdom about life.To his family have strength to continue with all that he taught you as his gift. Karen Raynes



**Karen Raynes** - April 08, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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“ Charlie is as warm a gentleman as I have ever met. We have all lost a wonderful friend. Rest in peace, Charlie.

Love,  
Kevin and Sandy



**Kevin Taube** - April 08, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ The news has just reached me, Deb, and I hasten to express my deep sadness albeit gratitude to you and yours. I recall Charlie and Vera and Wesley, with their dear parents, Charles and Marion, way up there in New Hampshire, when I visited as a little girl with my own parents. They were staple in our church-family lives forever. I feel grateful that I was able to visit with you and Charlie a few years ago, to reminisce and remember those precious memories. It is never easy to lose a parent, whenever that happens, and my heart and mind are with you now, giving thanks for your years of love and watchfulness of your beloved Charlie.

The Reverend Marcia Poole West

MPWEST - April 08, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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“ Rev. Deb - so sorry for your loss. Praying you and your family find some peace in this time.  
Love and God Bless,  
Mary DiModica-Kulju

Mary DiModica-Kulju - April 08, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ Betty And Randy Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles E. Burwell



Betty and Randy Brown - April 08, 2020 at 10:32 AM

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“ Deb and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Charlie was a kind and wonderful man as well as a great story teller who will truly be missed by all. There is a bright light shining in heaven. Love and hugs to all of you.  
Kate, Steve, Mike & Sarah Portrie

Kate Portrie - April 08, 2020 at 10:23 AM

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“ so many good times and amazing stories with Charlie! Holding you all in the compassionate embrace of a loving God who is with you always.

Patricia Mitchell - April 08, 2020 at 10:05 AM

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“ Lisa Desiderio lit a candle in memory of Charles E. Burwell



Lisa Desiderio - April 08, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ Dear Rev. Deb, Please know that I'm holding you and your family in my heart and prayers. Rest in Peace Charlie.



Sheree Brown - April 08, 2020 at 09:36 AM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 07, 2020 at 01:21 PM