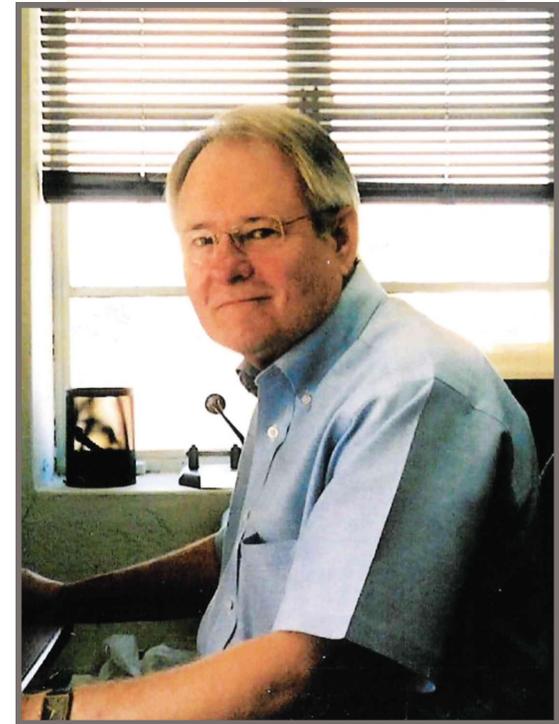


Dear God Our Father,
help me to wisely use the gifts and talents that
You have so graciously
bestowed upon me.

Create in me Dear Lord:
The right attitude with which to
excel in any endeavor.
A firm belief in You, Our Savior, that
through You I can do great things.
A strong desire to never quit, no
matter what the odds.
A willingness to give 100% of myself
to You and to others at all times.

Dear Lord, bestow in me a
true understanding that, with You beside me,
there is no end
to what I can achieve.
Amen

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In Memory Of

Thomas James Burton

June 2, 1949 ~ September 29, 2024

Obituary

Thomas James Burton, aged 75 of Quitman, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2024, in Tyler. He was born on June 2, 1949, in Dallas, to James Edwin and Polly Jeanette (Diebel) Burton. A local attorney for those of us in Wood County and beyond, Mr. Burton will be missed by many.

Having been a member of the State Bar of Texas since September 1973, he will be remembered as an accomplished criminal attorney with more than 50 years of service. A lesser-known fact is that Tom was accomplished in more than one skill set. He began playing golf when he was 12 years old at Red Bird golf course under the tutelage of golf professional Earl Stewart. After winning many junior championships in high school, he attended the University of Texas at Arlington on a golf scholarship and in the early 70's he obtained his PGA Tour card. Having decided on a career in law vs life on the PGA tour, he sat for the LSAT at Baylor Law School. Tom was only one of a few to be accepted into Baylor Law School with a high school diploma and only three years of college education (not having yet completed his Bachelor's degree) - due to having scored extremely high on the LSAT. However, his passion for golf remained throughout his life, as well as his love of traveling and snow skiing.

A longtime area resident, and a long-time fixture in our area's legal community, he was also a member of The Sweet Fellowship Church in Yantis, Texas, where he and his wife Katrina have remained faithful members.

Surviving family includes his wife Katrina; daughter, Lori Burton Cook and her husband Heath of Mansfield; son, Jody Thomas Burton of Oklahoma; brother, Charles Burton and his wife Judi of Farmers Branch; Step-sons, David Williams and his wife Kaitlyn of Tyler, and Allen Williams and his wife Dani of Forney; niece Alana Shuma and her husband Roger of McKinney; grandchildren, Bailey Cook Potter and her husband Luke, Riley Cook, and Hayden Burton; step-grandchildren, Kameron Williams, Kinley Williams, Peyton Williams, and Reagan Williams.

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Funeral Services

11:00 AM, October 5, 2024
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Officiating

Brother Perry Crisp

Order of Service

Memorial Video.....
Obituary & Memory Sharing.....Heath Cook, Son-in-Law
Memory SharingJoey Fenlaw,
Assistant District Attorney, Panola County
Memory Sharing.....Mark Taylor
Former District Attorney, Wood County
Music..... "When They Ring Those Golden Bells"
Message.....Pastor Perry Crisp
Sweet Fellowship Church