



Samuel Carl Burkhalter

June 7, 1918 - February 8, 2015

Sam Burkhalter died on Sunday, February 08, 2015 in Atlanta GA. He was residing in an assisted living facility near his niece since November 2008. He was 96 years old; born, June 07, 1918 in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of Carl and Ida Fiscus Burkhalter of Wheeling WV and Clarington, OH. He was predeceased by two siblings, Thomas Dean Burkhalter and Jane Burkhalter Speidel and by a step daughter, Judith Lindenau.

He was a graduate of Triadelphia High School, Wheeling, WV (1936) and the University of Alabama (1940). He joined the Army for active duty on March 22, 1941 and served for the duration of WWII, continuing with the Reserves until his retirement as a full Colonel in 1978.

Sam enjoyed a career as a mechanical engineer and continued to work as a consultant after his retirement until 2000. He was a champion marksman; one of the President's 100 Riflemen and he taught Army instructors for many years. He was married to Patricia Eaton Burkhalter until her death in 1970 and to Jean Wood Burkhalter until her death in 1997.

Sam is survived by his nieces, Daphne Burkhalter of Atlanta, GA, Celia Burkhalter Nelson of Columbus OH (and her children Patrick, Gwyneth and Elspeth); his nephews Eric Speidel of Palmdale, CA and Lee Speidel of Cincinnati OH. He is also survived his stepson, Doug Wood of Moscow, ID and Judith Lindenau's children Jonathan and Sara Lindenau.

Sam will be buried in the Burkhalter family plot in Clarington OH next to his first wife, his parents and aunt.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, February 14th from 10 am until time of services at 11:00 am at the Grisell Funeral Home, 125 Clarinda Dr. Clarington, with Rev. Carla Wobschall officiating.

A short luncheon will follow and burial will be at Clarington Cemetery with military services.

Cemetery Details

Clarington Cemetery

Market Street
Clarington, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Clarington
125 Clarinda Drive
Clarington, OH 43915
(740) 458-1372
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. I always enjoy seeing him at Camp Perry and shooting with him. He was a sweet and kind friend. He will be missed. Nancy Tompkins*

Nancy Tompkins - February 20, 2015 at 12:12 PM

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I'm so sorry I didn't hear of his passing for all these years. Sam was a legend in shooting, a gentleman, and a friend.

Jim Puswaskis - April 25, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Carl Burkhalter.*



February 12, 2015 at 12:03 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel Carl Burkhalter.*



February 11, 2015 at 04:17 PM

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“ I was very much enriched by having known Sam, and benefitted greatly from his stories and instruction.



Eric Obermeyer - February 11, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time

May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Samuel Carl Burkhalter, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of..... US Army WW II Veteran, COL. Samuel Carl Burkhalter, "A True American Hero" God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 10, 2015 at 04:13 AM