



Burt Tjapkes

March 19, 2019

Burt Tjapkes of Gainesville, Florida went to his heavenly home on Sunday, March 17, 2019. Burt was born in Muskegon, Michigan on November 5th, 1928 - the 5th child of Pat & Effie Tjapkes. He was a graduate of Muskegon High School and attended Calvin College. His early working years were in the wholesale food industry, but he found his true calling as the owner of Peter Pan Gifts in Delray Beach, Florida; which he ran with his beloved, Mary, his wife of 61 years. Burt had a strong faith in God and lived that faith every day. He was a vital part of every church he attended - active in Bible studies, singing in choirs and leading song services, and always a part of church leadership. He delighted in all the accomplishments of his 4 daughters and was a devoted grandpa. He was firm, but indulgent - quick to organize family gatherings & making sure everyone had a good time. Burt is survived by his children; Jean Geisick of Windsor, CO; Susan(Carl) Ericksen of Pleasant Lake, MI; Julie(Billy) Samples of Gainesville, FL; Joan(Bob) Muecke of Knoxville, TN; 8 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; brother-in-law Peter(Carolyn) Sturrus; and sister-in-law Joyce Webb. A private family service will be held at graveside on March 30, 2019.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family for your loss of Mr Tjapkes. He was truly a man who will be missed by so many. He had a great appreciation for spiritual matters as can be seem in his desire to help others and be a good influence in their lives. Truly qualities that does not go unnoticed by our loving creator who cares so much for us. Matt. 10:29-31. Our creator, Almighty God, Jehovah, has promised to get rid of death, and reunite obedient mankind with those we have lost in death. John 6:40; Rev. 21:4. It will be wonderful to see Burt again,*

JoAnn - March 23, 2019 at 12:33 PM

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“ *My condolences and prayers for comfort!*

Chris Tjapkes - March 20, 2019 at 11:56 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies for Burt's family at his passing. Burt represents another part of the Tjapkes legacy lost.*

Bradley Tjapkes - March 20, 2019 at 11:03 AM