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Notice of the death of Jack C. Burton, Class of 1953

Jack C. Burton, a graduate of Ottawa University, Class of 1953, went Home to be with his Lord on November 30, 2019.

Jack was ordained to Baptist ministry on October 21, 1951, and served churches in Texas and New Mexico for sixty-three years.

Born in Wichita, Kansas on August 27, 1931 to loving parents, Arch and Georgie Burton, Jack received Christ as Savior at the age of eight. The family belonged to First Baptist Church of Wichita.

He was called to pastor his first church, Appanoose Baptist Church, during his Junior year at Ottawa. He was a member of the Ottawa a capella concert choir and an English major.

Jack was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas in 1956 with a Masters of Divinity Degree.

He served as pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Austin, Texas for 23 years. He also served First Baptist Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico; Valley View Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas; the First Baptist Church of Hatch, New Mexico; and the Blum Baptist Church, Blum, Texas.

In retirement, Jack served as Interim Pastor of five more churches.

Jack married Janet Fornasero on June 19, 1954. He is survived by Janet, his wife of 65 years, and by two sons and daughters-in-law, John Burton (Kimberley) of Tucson, and Jerry Burton (Lori) of Ft. Worth. He is also survived by his brother, Jim Burton of Frisco, Texas, and by two grandchildren and two great grandsons.

The Burtons retired to Arizona in 2015. His life was celebrated at Woodlawn Baptist Church on December 14, 2019.