

Blaine R. Butler, Jr.

1925 – Blaine was born in Johnstown, New York  
1943 – Senior year high school – enlisted in Naval Air Corps  
– included one year college but Blaine was not called up  
yet to begin college so he enrolled at Union College  
1943-1944 – Attended Union College while waiting for  
Naval Air Corps call; by 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Naval Air Corps called  
to complete one year of college, starting with 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
at Union  
1944-1945 – Completed Naval Air Corps training  
with one semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
1945 – 1948 – Applied to Naval Academy, accepted  
to West Point, commissioned into Army for 1 day  
then into Air Force  
1948-1949 – Flight School to become pilot, San Antonio, Texas  
1948 – Married Ann Nugent; had 3 daughters  
1949-1953 – Air Combat Wing, Tucson, Arizona  
1953-1954 – Korean War, operations officer, B-29; family waited in  
Maryland  
1954-1957 – B-29 flight instructor, Randolph AFB,  
San Antonio, Texas  
1957-1959 – Flight instructor, B-47, Wichita, Kansas  
1959 – Accepted to Harvard Business School;  
Air Force would not let him out  
1959-1963 – Sent to Purdue University; received Ph.D.  
in Aeronautical Engineering  
1963-1968 – Aeronautical Engineering professor,  
Air Force Academy, Colorado  
1968-1969 – Vietnam War, flew U-10's  
1969-1970 – Attended Naval War College, Rhode Island  
1970-1971 – NORAD, Colorado  
1971-1972 – Pentagon  
  
1972 – June 1, retired from Air Force, moved to Indiana  
  
1972-1984 – Professor at Purdue University  
1984-1989 – Professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University,  
Prescott, Arizona  
1989 – Retired, moving eventually to homes in Bedford,  
Massachusetts, and Melbourne, Florida  
2001 – Ann Nugent passed away  
2002 – Married Ann Fullerton



In Loving Memory Of  
Blaine Raymond Butler, Jr.

August 11, 1925-May 28, 2012

*“Think of me now and again,  
At a time which is pleasant to recall, and smile.”*

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Blaine passed away on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, at his home in Melbourne, Florida. Blaine was born August 11, 1925, in Johnstown, NY. He was the son of Blaine R. and Margaret (Lenahan) Butler.

### A Psalm of David

The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down

in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death,

I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my  
enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days  
of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### Memorial Service

4:00 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2012

Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Melbourne, Florida

### Officiating

The Reverend Gray T. Echols

### Lay Readers

Eric Curry, Kurt Stieghan, Virginia Stieghan

### Organist

Jayne Tyre

Cremation with inurnment in Fall 2012

Fern Dale Cemetery, Johnstown, New York

Blaine is survived by:

Ann, his loving wife of 10 years

Daughters:

Beth Curry of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Bridgewater,  
Massachusetts

Laura Wallace of Bedford, Massachusetts  
Sally Stieghan of Pine Mountain, Georgia

Sister:

Nancy Chambers of Winter Park, Florida

Grandchildren:

Eric, Ian, Kate, Matt, Kurt, Virginia, Berry, Alex, Hayden,  
Kirby, Claire, Avery, Henry

Great Grandchildren:

Gus

Blaine is predeceased by:

Ann Nugent, his loving wife of 52 years

Charles, his brother