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Burial: ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH CEM,  
ROCKWELL, ROWAN CO, NC  
Military service: S1 US NAVY WWII

CALVIN JESS<sup>10</sup> BURLESON (*WILLIAM SHELLIE*<sup>9</sup>, *EBEN (EBIN)*<sup>8</sup>, *WILLIAM (BILLIE)*<sup>7</sup>, *ISAAC BURLESON*<sup>6</sup> JR, *ISAAC SR*<sup>5</sup> BURLESON, *JOHN*<sup>4</sup>, *JONATHAN*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *EDWARD*<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 Oct 1924 in STANLY CO, NC, and died 15 Aug 2008 in FAG#33734821. He married THELMA (TOOTSIE) VEOLA RATTZ, daughter of ERNEST RATTZ and LILLIAN FESPERMAN. She was born 28 Aug 1925 in Rowan Co, NC, and died 29 Mar 2024 in SALISBURY, ROWAN CO, NC.



Mr. Calvin Jess Burleson, 83, of Gold Hill, NC passed away on Friday, Aug. 15, 2008 at Rowan Regional Medical Center, Salisbury. Mr. Burleson was born Oct. 19, 1924 in Stanly County, NC the son of the late William Shellie Burleson and Tina Vanhoy Burleson. Mr. Burleson was educated at the Rockwell School, Veteran of World War II serving in the US Navy and had received the Purple Heart, worked for Gulf-Maddox and had retired from Fiber Industries in 1987, member of St. Peters Lutheran Church, the Seasoned Saints, former member of the Boy Scout Council, member of the Keller Memorial Masonic Lodge # 657 and the Vanhoy-Sells VFW Post # 9134 in Rockwell.

Mr. Burleson was an avid Fisherman. In addition to his parents, a brother, Lowell Burleson and step grandson, Scottie Cooper preceded him in death. Survivors: wife; Thelma "Tootsie" Rattz Burleson, married Feb. 21, 1944, sons; Gary Wayne Burleson of Charlotte, Tony Lynn Burleson of Gold Hill, daughter; Linda B. Cooper and husband, Ernie Gold Hill, brother; Bill Burleson of Salisbury, sisters; Polly B. Laws of Salisbury, Jeanette Hall of Mooresville, grandchildren; Gregory Cooper of Gold Hill, Amanda B. Richardson of Willow Springs, Traci Burleson of Durham, Sheigh Burleson of Gold Hill, 3 great granddaughters and one unborn great grandchild. Step-

Grandson, Christopher Norris and Step granddaughter, Pebble Pruitt of High Point and 5 step great granddaughters.

Visitation: 6:00-8:00 PM Monday, Aug. 18, 2008 at Powles Funeral Home, Rockwell and the remainder of the time the family will be at the residence. Funeral Services: 11:00 AM Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Salisbury conducted by Rev. David Ridenhour, Pastor and Rev. Tommy Beaver. Mr. Burleson will lie in state in the church 30 minutes prior to the Funeral Service. Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the Rowan County Military Honor Guard and the US Navy Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4-A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407 or to St. Peters Lutheran Church, 2570 St. Peters Church Road, Salisbury, NC 28146. Powles Funeral Home of Rockwell is serving the Burleson family. Online

Thelma "Tootsie" Veola Burleson, 98, of Gold Hill, passed away Friday, March 29, 2024 at Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury, NC.

She was born August 28, 1925 in Rowan County to the late Early Ernest and Lillian Fesperman Rattz. Thelma was a 1943 graduate of Rockwell High School. She worked at the China Grove Mill, Cartex, and PPG. She was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church where she participated in the church circle and home extension club; she was also a member of the Eastern Star and VFW in Rockwell

Thelma was a Stanley Home Products Queen, having worked for them for over fifty years. She enjoyed fishing at the Outer Banks.

In addition to her parents, Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Jess Burleson; brother, Milford Rattz, sisters, Addie Shaver, Ophelia Yates and Frankie Presnell.

Thelma is survived by her; sons, Gary Burleson of Supply, NC and Tony Burleson and wife Joy of Gold Hill; daughter, Linda Cooper and husband Ernie of Gold Hill, NC; sisters, Minnie Wood of Troy and Jackie Speight of Faith; grandson, Greg Cooper and Amanda; granddaughters, Mandy Richardson and husband JR,

Traci Maland and husband Jeff, Sheigh Burleson and Pebbles Sigmon; and twelve great grandchildren.

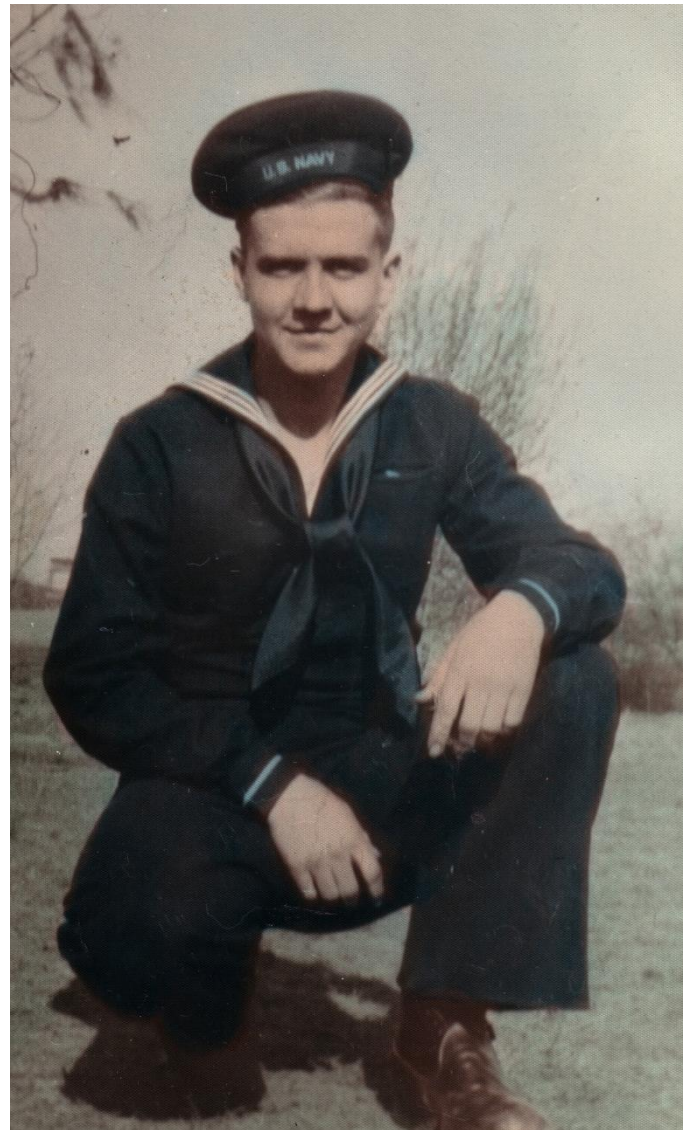
The family will greet friends and relatives on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC.

Burial will follow in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery.



Calvin Burleson is also a S1 US Navy WWII Veteran.



Children of CALVIN BURLESON and THELMA RATTZ are:

- i. GARY WAYNE<sup>11</sup> BURLESON, b. 18 Nov 1946.
- ii. LINDA G. BURLESON, b. 01 Sep 1949.
- iii. TONY LYNN BURLESON, b. 26 Jun 1957, Rowan Co.



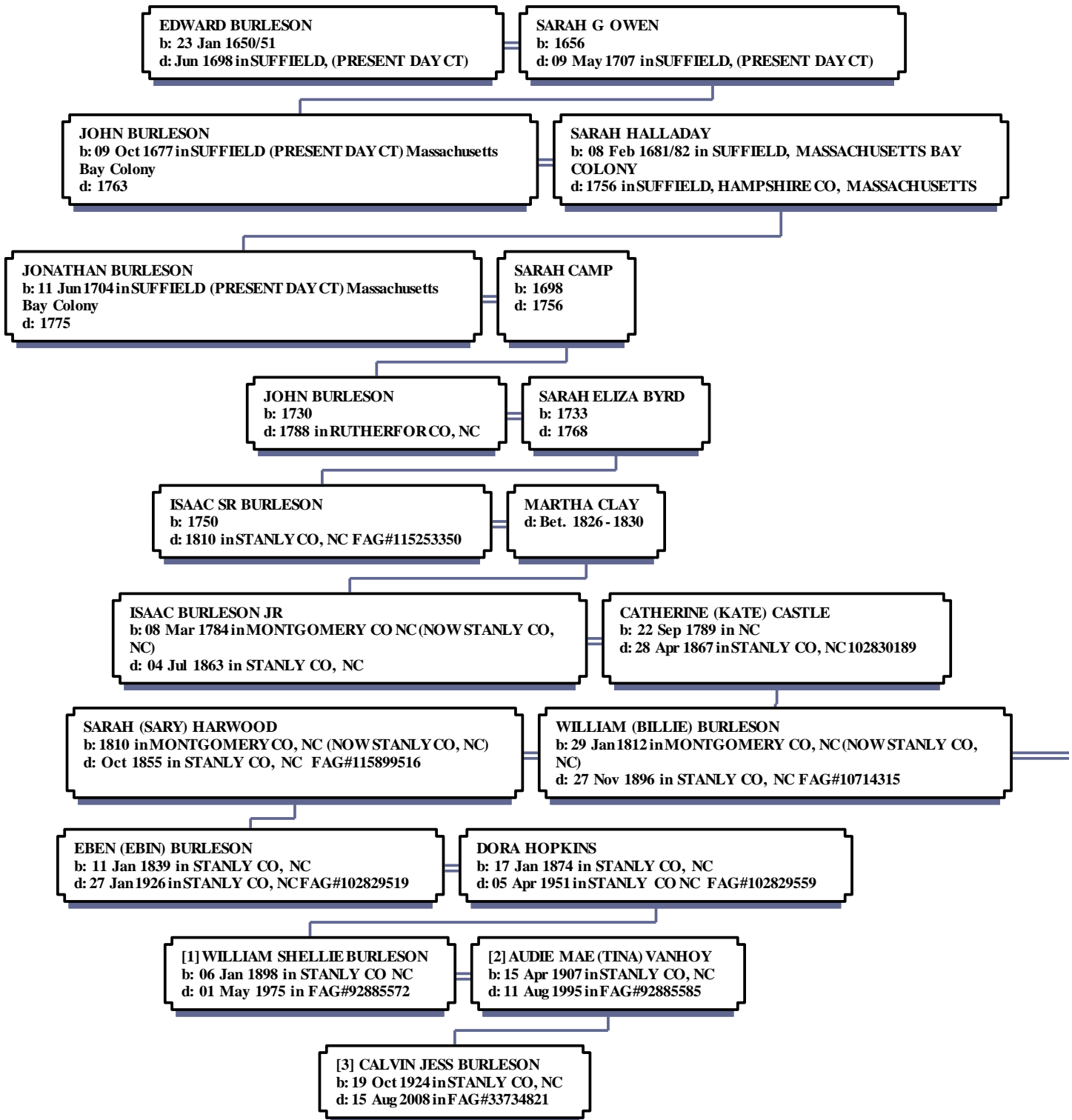
Calvin was very involved with the BFRG from the very first.

He was also involved with our cemetery projects, like cleaning the cemetery where Isaac Burleson Sr is buried.

The BFRG has 5 old Burleson Family Cemeteries we clean and maintained.



# Calvin Burleson's Direct Burleson Family Line



# World War II Veterans

Who attended the 3rd Annual Reunion Descendants of Isaac Burleson SR.  
Stanly County, NC October 18, 1998

Front row, L/R: **Craven Brantley Parker**(William T. & Inez Huneycutt Parker, Brantley & Isabelle Bowers Parker, Daniel & Sussannah Burleson Bowers, Billie Burleson, Isaac JR.) **Leroy C. Burleson** (Luther C., Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr.) **Calvin Coolidge Eudy**(Charlie & Carrie Burleson Eudy; Joseph A. John Wesley, Joseph, Isaac Sr.) **Clegg Burleson**(Homer Cleveland, Noah, Lee, Isaac Jr.).

Back Row, L/R **Joe Richard Burleson**( William Wesley, Augustus G., William Jr., Billie, Isaac JR.) **Calvin Burleson** (Wm. Shellie, Ebin, Billie, Isaac Jr.) **P.K. Burleson** (Jape, Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr.) **Liston Hoyle Burleson** ( Homer Cleveland, Noah, Lee, Isaac Jr.)



Left. **Judson Jefferson Almond**,  
(W.B. "Billie" & Lucy Burleson  
Almond, Howell, Billie, Isaac Jr.)

Right, **Erastus H. Burleson, Jr.**  
(Erastus, Weddington, Joseph,  
Isaac Jr.)

