

Damon Collins Coburn Obt.

b. 11 August 1934, Friendship, TN – d. 17 August 2023, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, (US Army, Korea), md on the 6th of December 1958, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI to **Mary (Powell) Coburn**. Damon Collins Coburn, s/o **Benjamin “Ben” Garret “James” Coburn** (1916-1990) & **Mary Frances Strayhorn** (1919-1944), both buried in Friendship Cemetery, Friendship, Crockett Co., TN. Benjamin “Ben” Garret “James” Coburn also md **Katherine Miller (Burns) Coburn**, (1926-2001), she is buried in Friendship Cemetery, Friendship, Crockett Co., TN.

Damon Collins Coburn, age 89 of Knoxville, TN passed away on August 17, 2023 at **Heavenly Acres family farm in Cookeville, TN**. Damon was born August 11, 1934 in Friendship, TN to **Benjamin Garrett (James) Coburn** and **Mary Frances Strayhorn**.

Preceded in death by his parents, Grandmother Ada Strayhorn, his brother James Royce Coburn, a sister Barbara Frances Coburn Chandler, Step mom Kathryn Burns Coburn, half-sisters: Linda Sue, Beverly Ann, half-brothers: Jerry Boyd, and Randy.



Survived by his wife, Mary of 64 years, his son, Steven (Keri) Coburn of Cookeville, TN; a daughter, Sherilyn Dawson (Knoxville, TN) four grandchildren, Kyle (Hollie) and Daniel Coburn Cookeville, TN David (Alice) Dawson Lenoir City, TN and Elizabeth Dawson of Huntsville, Alabama and two great-grandchildren Makenzie and Rylie Coburn of Cookeville, TN and sister-in-law Willa Coburn of Dyersburg and half-brother, Bobby and half-sisters: Connie Fisher, Vicky Echols, and Donna Moore.

After graduation from high school, Damon volunteered for the draft and was honorably discharged from the Army. He was in the 51st Signal Corp. (Communications) and stationed with an artillery attachment north of the 38th parallel in Korea. The Army jump started his career in electronics along with Electronic Institute in Detroit. **He worked at Burroughs Corp on the wiring assembly for the power supply for the NASA Atlas Missile, helped develop the first hard drive at Bryant Computer Products, taught electronics at Newbern Vocational School and retired from the instrument lab at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company Union City TN.**

Damon was a role model and has left a legacy of the value of hard work and importance of family. He loved camping, fishing, spending time with his wife on their trike motorcycle, antique cars and tractors. His memory will live on in the lives of his family.

Due to his wishes to be cremated, no formal service is being held. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your local Veterans Administration.

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