



## Nelson G. Burhans

May 17, 1930 - March 12, 2015

Saugerties – Nelson G. Burhans died Thursday, March 12, 2015 at home surrounded by friends and family. He was 84 years old. Born May 17, 1930, he was the son of Nelson and Florence Burhans.

He graduated from Saugerties High School in 1948 and Hartwick College in 1952 with a B.A. in History. While at Hartwick, Nels served as Field Representative to his college fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. Following graduation, he entered Gettysburg Seminary majoring in Practical Theology, graduating in 1956. After Seminary, he returned to Hartwick College as Public Relations Manager and the first Alumni Secretary. In 1958 he began working for Amos Post Company in Catskill and remained there as the Credit Manager until retiring in 1995.

A member of the Catskill Glee Club since 1946, he was honored to be chosen as its conductor in 1986, replacing the renowned Donald S. Fellows. Nelson remained in that post for 22 years until 2008. From 1958 until 2013 he was a member of both the Yankee Male Chorus Association and the Mohawk-Hudson Male Chorus Association. He was also a member of the Conductor's Club of New York in NYC.

An active communicant of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in West Camp, he served on the church council for many years as well as several capacities for

many local community civic organizations. He was instrumental in the Village of Saugerties acquiring the Kiersted House which is now managed by the Saugerties Historical Society, of which he is a past president.

Survivors include his nephew Deane Springstead and his wife Donna of Hyde Park; his niece Jeanne VanWagner and her husband Robert of Tivoli; several great nieces and great nephews; and cousin by marriage Marianne Burhans of Saugerties and her sons Eric and David. He was pre-deceased by both of his sisters, Jennie Burhans on December 23, 1970 and Flora Springstead on January 11, 2015.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in West Camp. Pastor Paul Walley will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. View Cemetery in the Spring. Friends may call Tuesday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Buono Funeral Service, Inc., Main Street Chapel, Saugerties, NY. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations in his memory to the General Fund of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, PO Box 47, West Camp, NY 12490 or Hospice, 400 Aaron Court, Kingston, NY 12401. Please offer you condolences for Nelson at [www.BuonoFuneralService.com](http://www.BuonoFuneralService.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.  
100 Main Street  
Saugerties, NY 12477  
(845) 246-2600  
pbuono100@hvc.rr.com  
<https://www.BuonoFuneralService.com>

## Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
4203 Route 9W  
West Camp, NY 12490  
<http://www.stpaulswestcamp.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nelson G. Burhans*

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Nelson to his family and friends. I have known Nelson my entire life and will miss him. My husband Pete and I, over the last several years, would have breakfast/lunch with him at least once a week at the Village Diner. We loved to hear his stories about his working days - he could really spin a tale and he knew so much about local history and people - we could listen to him for hours. Rest in peace my friend....Kim & Pete Tiano*

**Kim Tiano** - March 18, 2015 at 05:59 AM



“ *nelson was a good man and a great friend he will be missed.....The Hartrum Family*

**Randy Hartrum** - March 14, 2015 at 03:04 PM



“ *We can remember enjoying a gin and tonic, sitting on the patio at the family homestead in West Camp and sharing many meals with him over the years. We are thankful for the many years of friendship and relieved that he is no longer suffering and in pain. Paul Backstrom & David Hutchison*

**Paul Backstrom - David Hutchison** - March 14, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nelson G. Burhans.*



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March 14, 2015 at 07:48 AM



“ *I was so sorry to read about Nelson's passing and extend to you all my deepest sympathy. I remember him from the Rolland Heermance days in the Glee Club, as I was a long-time member of Choraliers and we were their sister organization. Nelson had a wonderful voice and his many gifts to the Glee Club will never be forgotten. Rolland was our choir director at the Hudson Reformed Church and it was after one of our evening services that he was killed in an auto accident very near Nelson's church and home. That was a sad time, also, but drew our groups together even more. Reading about Nelson has brought back many wonderful memories and experiences in our singing days and at their road concerts. My thoughts are with you all. Ellen Van Hoesen*

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**Ellen Van Hoesen** - March 14, 2015 at 07:40 AM



*I was sorry to hear of Nelson's passing. He and his family were Old Saugerties and it was always good to see him about and reminisce. Condolences to his family.*

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**Rose Tobiassen** - March 17, 2015 at 11:31 AM