



## **Dr. Dennis N. Burns D.D.S.**

June 2, 1931 - March 2, 2017

UTICA - Dr. Dennis N. Burns, DDS, age 85, passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Born in Buffalo, NY on June 2, 1931, Dennis was the son of the late James and Catherine (Howard) Burns. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the SUNY/University of Buffalo and his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Temple University. At one time, he was married to the former Noreen Neider and to that union came the blessing of three children. Noreen passed away on May 18, 1999.

Dr. Burns practiced dentistry at 136 Clinton Road in New Hartford for 41 years. He had a great devotion to his patients and a passion for his practice. Dennis enjoyed the tranquility of his home and the Remsen environs, including the wildlife. He had a deep respect for his natural surroundings and an intense interest in conservation. He served on the Zoning Board of Remsen and was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, and local fish and game clubs. As a fly fisherman and a hunter, he abided by the rules and regulations of each sport and each season. He was a history buff and a member of the Oneida and Remsen Historical societies. He also appreciated artwork and was well educated as a firearms collector. Dr. Burns was of the Catholic faith.

Dr. Burns is survived by his daughters, Deborah Check of Poland, NY, and Nancy Trottier of Michigan; and his son, Dr. Charles E. Burns, DDS and his wife Linda of Utica. He held the memories of his sons-in-law, John Check and

Joe Trottier. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Devin H. Chiesa who passed away on November 26, 2016. He also leaves Charles and Linda's children, Curt Fowler, Alan Fowler, and their wives and children; his brother, Dr. John Burns; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, George Beers, and Larry Neider; and his loyal friend and neighbor, George Roberts. He was predeceased by his infant brother, James Burns; sister, Catherine Mackin; and brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Claudette Burns.

The family is grateful to Dr. Amy Gorczynski for her patience and professional concern in caring for Dennis.

As his family returns to the Utica area, plans for his memorial gathering will be announced at a future time.