

Breakfield and Burkey Fun Facts and Surprising Trivia



1. Burkey's stepfather was a metallurgist who worked on The Manhattan Project during World War 11. He later became a major contributor to the Atomic Energy Commission, the forerunner to today's Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).
2. Breakfield's father was a fighter pilot that served as an officer in Korea and Vietnam conflicts. This activity allowed Charles to become interested in flying, which is why many references to flying are in the books. It is also why Charles is outgoing.
3. Burkey's first car was a VW bug that she rolled all the way over on a drive to Santa Cruz over the winding roads. The crush bump on top was punched back out by her buddies. Seatbelts were not required then, but hers was thankfully secured.
4. Breakfield was introduced to competition skeet shooting at an early age. By the time he was 17, he placed number 2 high overall out of 1,500 shooters in the U.S armed forces competition of Europe in 1970.
5. Burkey loves to sew and once made the formal dress for a Miss Texas Teen pageant. The burgundy gown was in the finalist lineup. A delightful moment. She has created costumes for her kids.
6. Breakfield and Burkey have been known to pick up broken pieces of cast-off old antique furniture left on the side of the road. Odd, but the refinishing results bring the old back to be better than the new. They learned upholstery, webbing, wood refinishing, and proper springs attachment.

There are more fun facts about these two that you might discover by chatting with them.

