

Robert E. Burton, CEO

Filled with the entrepreneurial spirit at an early age, Robert E. "Bob" Burton started his career in the floral business immediately following college. Today Bob is the CEO of [burton + BURTON™](#). He is a 1971 graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and has been honored as Outstanding Alumni by Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Eta Chapter.

Awards

- 2012 Key to the City presented by the Honorable Nancy Denson, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens–Clarke County, Georgia, upon the 30th anniversary of the company, [burton + BURTON™](#)
- 2009 Friends of the Extension by Epsilon Sigma Phi in association with Georgia 4-H Foundation
- 2008 Recipient of the Georgia Family Business of the Year Award, Large Category, by Cox Family Enterprise Center, Kennesaw State University
- 2006 Recipient of the William E. "Billy" Hudson Distinguished Citizen Award, Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America
- 2006 Top Emerging Company for Women in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area, *Atlanta Woman* magazine
- 2006 Ruby C. McSwain Philanthropist Award, the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association
- 2005 Alan J. McDonald International Entrepreneur Award from Society of International Business Fellows
- 2001 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® for the Retail/Wholesale Category, Southeast Division
- 2001 Outstanding Georgia Citizen by Secretary of State Cathy Cox
- 1999 Named Lieutenant Colonel, Aide de Camp, Governor's Staff by Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes
- 1991 National Marketing Award, *Florists' Review* magazine
- 1990 Outstanding Service Award from the National Association of Balloon ArtistsSM (NABA)



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