



## Raymond J. Burnside Jr.

October 25, 1947 - April 17, 2018

Albany-Colonie, NY -- Raymond J. Burnside, Jr., age 70, passed away at home with his loving family by his side. Ray was born in Albany, New York, on October 25, 1947, to the late Raymond J. Burnside, Sr. and Mary Elise (Frommer) Burnside Lighthall. Ray was a devoted family man and a dedicated teacher.

Ray graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1965. He continued his education at The Junior College of Albany and then went on to study at the State University of New York College at Oneonta, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Ray began teaching in the Albany City School District in 1970, and after attending Graduate School at Russell Sage College, earned a Master's Degree in Special Education in 1975. Ray's teaching career spanned 34 years in elementary school assignments, including Giffen Memorial Elementary School and Philip Schuyler Elementary School, where he taught classes in special education for many years. He also worked as a Consultant Teacher in Special Education, and traveled daily to a number of private schools in the Capital District, including LaSalle Institute (Troy), Bishop Maginn High School (Albany), St. Pius X Catholic School (Loudonville), and the Robert C. Parker School (Wynantskill). After retiring from teaching in 2004, Ray tutored a number of local students in mathematics and also became a courier for St. Peter's Hospital Bender Lab.

Ray was an active member of the Albany Public School Teachers Association and New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) for his entire teaching career. Golf was a favorite pastime as well as a healthy challenge. During high school and college years, he worked at several golf courses and country clubs, providing course maintenance as well as golf lessons. We could always rely on Ray for his dry sense of humor, his animated facial expressions, and his passion for classic rock music.

During the summer of 1969, Ray met the love of his life, JoAnne St. Lucia. They were married in June of 1971 and were blessed with 47 years of love, friendship, and precious family times at their home in Colonie.

Ray is survived by his loving wife JoAnne. He was a beloved father, teacher, and friend to Daniel R. Burnside (Lagrangeville) and Alison D. Burnside (Albany). He looked forward to becoming father-in-law to Ewa Colantuono in the fall of this year. Ray is also survived by sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Lisa and Anthony Maio III (Colonie) and Catherine and Charles St. Lucia (Delmar). Nieces and nephews include: Matthew and Lindsay St. Lucia and their children Colin and Nathan (Rochester); Erica and Stephen Hogan (Philadelphia, PA); Carley and Brendan Burke and their children Camilla and Charlie (Philadelphia, PA); Julie Maio (Colonie); Anthony Maio IV (Colonie); and 2nd Lieutenant Nicholas Maio (Fort Hood, TX). In addition to his parents, Ray was also predeceased by his step-father, Paul F. Lighthall. Also JoAnne's parents Camilla and Charles St. Lucia.

There are numerous friends, neighbors, colleagues, cousins, aunts, and uncles who also survive Ray. They have provided love, prayers and support to him and his family during a difficult and long illness. The medical and administrative staffs at Albany Dialysis Center have shown kindness, excellent care, and encouragement for Ray and his family. Also providing nurturing and quality medical care are the many physicians, nurses, health aides, technicians, and support personnel at Albany Medical Center (AMC). A sincere appreciation is extended to the medical staff in AMC's Inpatient Dialysis Unit, 3rd Floor, M-Building. Thank you to Richard Machonis, R.N. of the Visiting Nurses Association, who provided Ray with excellent home health care, humor, conversations, and encouragement. We gratefully thank Dr. Mary Rappazzo and the late Dr. Syed Haqqie for their many years of care and guidance to Ray and our family. A special thank you is offered for the dedicated and tireless staff at Capital District Transportation Authority, especially the STAR bus drivers, dispatchers, and reservation personnel.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ray's family Sunday, April 22, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

Funeral services Monday, April 23, 2018 at 8:15 am in McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to All Saints Catholic Church, Albany, NY at 9:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, view Ray's Life Tribute, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit <http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Ray's family suggests that donations for the training and education of dialysis medical staff may be made in his memory to Albany Medical Center, Adult Dialysis Unit, 43 New Scotland Avenue, Mail Code 73, Attention: Dialysis Manager, Albany, NY 12208.

# Events

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**APR Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM**

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

**APR Service 09:00AM**

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All Saints Catholic Church  
16 Homestead St., Albany, NY, US, 12203

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 20, 2018 at 03:53 PM

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“ Dear JoAnne, Bill and I want to extend our deepest condolences to you and your family. We didn't know Ray very well, but from what we remember, he was a great family man and a lot of fun to be around. Too many years have gone by since we worked together at the Education Dept., but we still wanted to let you know that we share in your sorrow. If you need anything from us, please don't hesitate to reach out (518) 438-4903.

**Rosalie & Bill Novak, friends** - May 03, 2018 at 01:36 PM

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“ Raymond....just over two weeks ago we had the best visit and something I will remember always. Joanne, you and I bantered back and forth just like the old days proving once and for all you had the sharpest wit although I always thought I gave you a run for your money. You will always have a special place in my heart and dearest memories. Love you; Leslie Lynn

**Leslie Lynn Long** - April 24, 2018 at 07:11 PM

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“ JoAnne, Dan and Allison, Many of the best memories we have include your family. Ray was one of the kindest people we knew, and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. We consider all of you extended family, our lives were enhanced by your friendship.  
Ozzie and Sharon

**Ozzie** - April 22, 2018 at 07:08 PM

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“ Jay and I are sorry for your loss. JoAnn, we offer our love and support to you and your family. Even though the yard have passed, you will always be in my thoughts.

Love,

Jay and Camille

**Camille** - April 22, 2018 at 03:56 PM

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“ Allison and family: Ray was such a great guy, always snowblowing our sidewalk for us on Myrtle Ave. He was very sweet to Ethan and Lily and was clearly a great Dad. Please accept our deepest condolences and your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Elaine, Eric, Ethan and Lily

**Elaine Bartley** - April 22, 2018 at 11:31 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



**GINNY HILL** - April 22, 2018 at 09:50 AM

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“ Ray was a good friend to all of us on the MWF evening shift at ADC. A great guy. And he kept the staff on their toes! God Bless, Mike Smith

**Michael J. Smith** - April 22, 2018 at 05:50 AM

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“ Mr. Burnside . I will miss you so very much. I will also miss our talks about life in general especially your quote "it is what it is" which I bought a Mantra Bracelet with that saying I was so proud to show it to you. I'm gonna miss u buddy  
And thank you for teaching me Math. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to Joanne and your children. God Bless and RIP MY FRIEND



Danielle Knockwood - April 20, 2018 at 08:45 PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 20, 2018 at 02:57 PM

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“ JoAnne and family,  
We are so sorry about Ray. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Marie and I have fond memories from our teaching days.  
Love,  
Miggie and Marie McCarg and Karen and Mark Gebhardt

Karen Gebhardt - April 20, 2018 at 02:27 PM

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“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Burnside Jr..



April 20, 2018 at 11:54 AM