



Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett

March 21, 1976 - November 28, 2023

Jersey City, NJ-Francis John "Mitch" Burnett passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at the age of 47 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was at home, surrounded by his beloved wife, children and family, who will all honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Mitch was born on March 21, 1976, in Albany, NY, the youngest of five children of the late Francis John Burnett and Mary E. Burnett (Zullo), currently residing in Loudonville, NY. He was a graduate of Albany Academy High School and the University of Vermont, earning a B.S. degree in Community Development and Applied Economics. Upon graduating, he moved to NYC to begin his career at Bear Stearns and later met the love of his life and future wife, Oyku Kaynak on Valentine's Day 2002. They were inseparable and married in Hershey, PA in 2005. They moved to Jersey City, renovating an old brownstone where they welcomed their two adored children - Francis John III, 13yo and Glynis Ann, 12yo.

Mitch worked on Wall Street as a respected Senior Derivative Trader for many years. Mitch was happiest at home spending time with his wife and children, passing down the most important lessons in life - faith, family and hard work. Being a dad is what he cherished most, never missing a soccer practice, game or dance recital.

Mitch was a blessing – to know him was to love him. His devotion and commitment never wavered even in the face of adversity and his strength was an inspiration to all. Mitch had a quick wit and a great sense of humor. He could light up a room with his charming grin, signature chuckle and tell a story like no other. FJB was loved beyond measure and will live on in our hearts forever.

Mitch is survived by his wife, Oyku; son, Francis; daughter, Glynis; preceded in death by his father, Francis, in 2012; mother, Mary E. (Zullo); brothers, Michael (Brenda) and David (Lynn); sisters, Christine Wilhelm (Edward) and Margaret Clark (Frederick); and many nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to his medical team at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. We are forever grateful for the gift of five more years of memories and time for Mitch to see his young children grow into middle schoolers.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mitch's family Monday, December 4, 2023 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:30 am at the Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill, 10 Lodge Street (Father James Lefebvre Way) Albany, NY 12207 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, we request donations be made in honor of Mitch to MSKCC Colon Cancer Research <http://mskcc.convio.net/goto/FJB>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

DEC 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Historic Church of St Mary on Capital Hill
10 Lodge Street (Father James Lefebvre Way)
Albany, NY 12207

Tribute Wall

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“ Mitch was my college roommate and good friend our first year at Johnson State. Mitch lit up the room and was a wonderful friend to me. Mitch Was the life of a party, had jokes and stories for days, could run people over in rugby, and give you a big hug and drag me to church on a few Sundays. So sad to see this, we lost touch about 20 years ago. Rest in peace Mitch, I know you are up there smiling down and I am so sorry for your loss.

Rudy Ricci

Rudy Ricci - August 11, 2024 at 05:41 AM

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“ Eddie and Grace Wilhelm, XOXO... planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.

Eddie and Grace Wilhelm, XOXO... - February 17, 2024 at 06:15 AM

FG

“ To the Burnett Family - my sincere condolences on Mitchie's passing. A sweet little boy who thought the police were calling when I phoned Chris:) I apologize for the late acknowledgment, but news from Albany is slow reaching Colorado. My thought and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

Felice (Frangella) Gokey - AHN '81

Felice Goley - December 30, 2023 at 02:15 PM

RC

“ My husband Paul and ai were fortunate to know Mitch when he was a student at Albany Academy. Mitch and our son Scott were close buddies spending time together at our residence at Emma Willard School and hiking at our home in the Adirondacks. Mitch was always quick with a smile and so polite. Scott now lives in North Pole Alaska and just received news of Mitch s passing from another buddy. He sends his deepest condolences Our prayers and thoughts are with Mitch s loved ones

Robin and Paul Campbell - December 15, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.



December 04, 2023 at 09:39 AM

LK

“ Love Mum and Dad Kaynak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.

Love Mum and Dad Kaynak - December 04, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.



December 04, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.*



December 03, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.*



December 03, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Condolences to Mitch's family. I remember him from our days at the Albany Academies. Even though we ran in different social circles, since we lived in the same area and my house was on his way home he'd sometimes give me a ride. I recall his sense of humour and willingness to help others. I believe he was a kind person with a good sense of empathy. May he rest in peace, at one with the universe.*



Ari - December 03, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *We had the honor and privilege of attending Oyku and Mitch's beautiful wedding. They were so happy.*
Bill and Celia

Bill and Celia Cook - December 03, 2023 at 07:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.



December 02, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ Love, Mary Margaret & Derrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis "Mitch" J. Burnett.

Love, Mary Margaret & Derrick - December 02, 2023 at 09:49 PM