



## Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"

March 26, 1955 - October 12, 2015

Altamont-Mark R. Burlingame "Burls", 60, peacefully entered into his Savior's loving arms Monday, October 12, 2015, after an intense yet courageous battle with cancer.

Mark was born in Little Falls, NY, son of the late Robert and Nancy Burlingame. He moved to the Westmere area as a young child and went on to graduate from Guilderland High School. Mark spent his early years on the ball field as his dad's batboy at SUNY Albany. No doubt that is where he developed his love for the game and for sports in general. Mark went on to attend Oneonta College where he was later drafted into the Oneonta Yankees, playing shortstop. In 1977 he was brought up to the Fort Lauderdale Yankee Team where he played for a season. He was released from the minor leagues just after marrying his high school sweetheart, Beth Bidleman.

Mark spent a few years as a Hallmark Rep in the North Country. After literally driving off the road one day, he decided to change careers and enter into funeral service. Mark devoted over 25 years to funeral directing, or as he referred to it, "the call." He began his journey in Albany at the Frederick Funeral Home before moving to Altamont where he became a pillar in his family's business at Fredendall Funeral Home. In all aspects of his life, Mark shared his love of God with others, expressed compassion for all people and provided service to his community and beyond.

In 2007 he transitioned into Real Estate and played an integral role in building CM Fox and making it what it is today. Mark was an active member of the Altamont Reformed Church as well as the Guilderland Letterman Association. He previously served as president of the local Funeral Directors Association. Among many other invaluable traits, "Burls" will be remembered for his infectious smile, his passion for life, his love of people and his unparalleled dance moves.

Mark is survived by his loving family; his wife, Beth, his son, Jason (Katie) Burlingame, his daughter, Kara (Mike) Banks, his grandson, Jack Burlingame, his sister, Wendy Reid, father and mother in law, Porter and Sally Bidleman, sister in law, Barbara Yohey, brother in law, Alan (Sharon) Kisby, an aunt, uncle and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Robert and Nancy Burlingame and his sister in law, Mary Lou Kisby.

Funeral services Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 12:00 pm at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

Interment will immediately follow the Service at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Guilderland, NY.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mark's family Friday, October 16, 2015 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Fund at Altamont Reformed Church, PO Box 671, Altamont, NY 12009 or The Guilderland Lettermen Association, C/O the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206 or the Alzheimer's Association Northeastern New York, 4 Pine West Plaza, Suite 405, Albany, NY 12205, or

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, PO Box 27106, New York, NY  
10087-7106 (include a note the contribution is for Mark Burlingame).

To leave a message for the family, view Mark's Life Tribute, obtain directions,  
light a candle or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighfuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighfuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery

Western Ave  
Guilderland, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Albany, NY 12206  
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## Service

OCT **17**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Christ The King Church  
20 Sumter Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 15, 2015 at 01:06 PM

MG

*Your Tribute video nailed it. We have all been so blessed to have Burls and this family in our lives. Between my tears today is a joy for being a part of a beautiful family and thousands of loving memories. Beth, Jason, Kara, time to make some more!  
Love, Garns*

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**Mark Garno** - October 15, 2015 at 02:44 PM



*Beautiful!!!*

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**Jillian Francisco Wrieden** - October 15, 2015 at 09:12 PM

SM

*I feel blessed to have known and loved you and Beth. You and your family will always be in my prayers. Love, Sheila*

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**Sheila Michaels** - October 15, 2015 at 10:07 PM

JR

*Unbelievable. Whoever did this hit a grand slam home run tribute to Mark and his life.*

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**Jim Rulison** - October 16, 2015 at 06:22 AM

JP

*This video makes me regret that I didn't know this lovely man personally. He has a beautiful family and their love for one another clearly shines. The choice of music is so fitting both in words and placement. Thank you, Wendy, for sharing the site so that we could "feel" the essence of this amazing man. God bless you all for your loss.*  
Johnelle Pauley

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**Johnelle Pauley** - October 16, 2015 at 09:02 AM

TK

*I KNEW THIS MAN FROM KINDERGARDEN THRU OUR FRESHMAN YEARS IN COLLEGE.HE WAS THE FINEST ATHLETE AND THE FUNNIEST GUY I THINK I'VE EVER KNOWN...AND, YES HIS DANCE MOVES WERE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL... THOMAS KANE*

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**THOMAS KANE** - October 16, 2015 at 11:33 AM

PS

*A wonderful tribute this is! Beth, Jason, Kar, family and friends - we have all been so blessed to have shared this life with you and Burls. I love you.*  
Paul

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**paul stephens** - October 16, 2015 at 11:42 AM

GT

*Words can not express what a wonderful person Burls was in every way. There will never be another person to compare. His smile, compassion, and love will be missed. We love and will miss you Burls....., Ginny & Paul*

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**ginny tymchyn** - October 16, 2015 at 05:25 PM



*Beth, Jason and Kara, we are so blessed to have known Mark, and that he had the time on this earth to share with all of us. My mom, sister Marianne, and I give you our condolences and sympathy as you move through this difficult time. We love you all. I know Mark is moved by this tribute to his life, and all he believed in and loved, especially you Beth. With all my love, Barb Scymanky*

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**Barb Scymanky** - October 17, 2015 at 01:57 AM

LB

*What a beautiful tribute for such a beautiful soul! You will truly be missed by so many. -LiliAnn Burlingame*

**LiliAnn Burlingame** - October 17, 2015 at 06:16 AM

AL

*The memory of you will always make me smile! Miss you, Burls!*

**Ann Bidleman Large** - October 17, 2015 at 09:10 AM

JK

*Went to School at Oneonta, Mark lived across the hall from me in Hays Hall. One of the nicest people you could ever want to meet. That smile will always be remembered, that laugh will always be heard and his kindness felt forever. Whenever I ran into him at Proctors it was always a warm hello and it was like you had not lost touch at all. we will miss you.*

**Jim Kalohn** - October 23, 2015 at 07:19 PM

DG

*Great testimony to "Burls".*

*Gonzo*

**Dave Gonzalez** - July 10, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"* ”

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

DG

“ I just became aware of Mark's passing today, July 10th, 2019, four years later. I lost touch with "Burls" over the years. He and I were roommates at SUNY Oneonta in the fall of 1973. I knew of him from his basketball days at Guilderland High School. I played at Bishop Gibbons and we both graduated in June of 1973. I called him that summer (though I didn't know him) and asked him if he wanted to be roommates and he said yes.

I looked forward to meeting him that first week of school but he wasn't there yet because he was playing for the Sons of Italy in a baseball tournament in the Midwest, I think. So I went the first week of school without a roommate but when "Burls" finally arrived it was worth the wait. We hit it off right away and had a lot of fun together along with Rickie Yandoli, another baseball player. We talked about our girlfriends back home- Beth as I remember his. When I perused the video I saw that they made it through fours at Oneonta and got married. Happy to see that. Very sad to see that Mark passed away but it looks like he had a great life with kids and even a grand child. RIP my "roomy" and I'll never forget your dancing to Sly and the Family Stones at night in our room in Phippy Hall. You were a hoot!

Dave Gonzalez "Gonzo"

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Dave Gonzalez - July 10, 2019 at 09:36 AM

Paul  
Stephens

“ Paul Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"



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Paul Stephens - October 31, 2015 at 05:00 PM

JP

“ *I miss Burls every day. I do now. I always will.*



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**Jeff Perlee** - October 20, 2015 at 07:20 PM

MG

*Me too Jeff, me too. For me he was one of a kind. When he passed a part of Garns passed too.*

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**Mark Garno** - October 21, 2015 at 12:17 PM

LE

“ *Our thoughts & prayers go out to this amazing family of this wonderful man who put a smile on every face he came in contact with. He will be missed, much sympathy, Steve & Leah Oliver*

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**Leah** - October 19, 2015 at 06:42 PM

EW

“ Dear Beth, Jason and Kara,

*My heart is heavy and my prayers are with you and yours in the loss of your precious husband and father. I don't know where to begin when sharing your father's impact on my life and the life of my boys, Ron and Todd. They are grieving with me.*

*Mark was an inspiration to us all, joking while being so sincere in his expressions of caring. He lit up every room he walked into.*

*He loved Jesus and others through Him. I remember Mark when we would have Bible study gatherings or hymnsings expressing his love for God and for others. His faith shone on his face all the time. I can't wait until our reunion in Heaven. Hallelujah!*

*And he loved his Bethie and his Jason and Kara. They lit him up. I remember one conversation we had where Mark was telling me how he didn't know what he would do without Beth. He said he would not know what to do about a given situation, and when he shared it with Beth she always had a wise answer or solution. She was his anchor he said.*

*And he would tell me what a blessing his children were; how he could hardly understand why God chose him to have such miracles.*

*Please consider coming to visit us (Glenn and me) in Ocean City, NJ. We love having guests and the ocean is a healing place.*

*I love you all.*

*Eddie (Greene) West  
5741 Asbury Avenue  
Ocean City, NJ 08226  
703-927-4523*

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**Eddie West** - October 19, 2015 at 07:34 AM

CC

“ Mark, you have been a friend for 28 years. Being only a couple months apart in age, that makes it almost half our lives ! It has been more than an honor to have known you, it has been a profound gift, in ways you only now know. You my friend have indeed run the race and finished the course. You have been an athlete in life... the very best kind... and coach, now we have all seen how it is to be done, and we will remember. We will keep our eye on the prize, as you have done.

*Thank you for the Blessing of your life... Chris Conover*

*Mark truly exemplified this quote of Mother Teresa:*

*“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”*

*We all felt better and happier after visiting with Mark...*

*The joy of the Lord would shine through his smile... Maria Conover*

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**Chris Conover** - October 18, 2015 at 03:02 PM

KI

“ My heart is sadden at the loss of a beautiful, loving man! I met Beth and Burls through my in-laws and every time I'd see him at a family gathering, he had a smile on his face. Such a warm, kind, thoughtful man. But what brings a smile to my face and lifts the sadness in my heart, is the wonderful life this family man lived and that he truly danced through life. Someone recently told me he danced his heart out at his daughter's wedding in July....It brings me comfort to think of Mark in heaven dancing with joy. I pray for Beth and his family that they find comfort and peace. With love, Kyra (and Paul) Izzo

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**Kyra Izzo** - October 18, 2015 at 12:21 PM

AM

“ Nancy and I are devastated at his loss. We just returned to town last night and received the news. He was a class act whose kindness was sincere when we needed support last year with our daughter. Words fail. He will be missed.  
Al and Nancy Morier

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**Al Morier** - October 18, 2015 at 07:31 AM

BR

“ Beth,  
  
I am very lucky to have known Burls and am deeply saddened to hear of his loss. People use a cliché to describe the Nicest Guy in the World. Burls was no cliché, he personified that statement. I will always remember him with great admiration for his athleticism, kind heart, his infectious enthusiasm and friendship. He loved you dearly and considered himself to be the luckiest man on earth for having married you. My strength and prayers to you and your family.  
God Bless you and Mark.

*Bill Reich*

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**Bill Reich** - October 17, 2015 at 01:42 PM

LN

“ Linda Newman lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"



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**Linda Newman** - October 17, 2015 at 08:14 AM

LB

“ Dear Wendy, Beth, Jason and Kara,

*My heart is broken for all of you and everyone who knew Mark. Mark was that special soul that shined in everything he did. His ability to make everyone feel special and cared for with his kind words and warm smile, will truly be missed by so many. He was truly one of a kind. I have been blessed to have known him and to have had him in my life. I send my heartfelt sympathy and love. I regret that I am so far away and unable to attend Mark's services. I will be there in spirit. You remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With much love,  
LiliAnn*

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**LiliAnn Burlingame** - October 17, 2015 at 07:16 AM

ZW

“ Dear Beth and Family:

*We met Mark as a little boy walking the Albany campus with his Mom and Dad. His dad, Bob, was our baseball and JV soccer coach at Albany. We followed Mark's baseball successes and even went to see him play on Cape Cod one summer while there with the Schieffelins. We then had him over for a real meal and he amused all of our children. Even then he was a unique and caring person. Memories will ever be there. Treasure yours and may they give you solace at this difficult time.*

*We have lost a truly remarkable person who had a special gift from God. We will all miss him and his ability to improve any situation by just being there. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mark was a special person, no one who knew him will ever forget him.*

*Our sincere sympathies,  
Fran and Franz Zwicklbauer*

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**Zwicklbauer** - October 17, 2015 at 07:11 AM

JF

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your husband/father. It was an honor to have known him. He will truly be missed by all whose path he crossed.

*Janet Farrand*

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**Janet L Farrand** - October 16, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls".



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October 16, 2015 at 06:34 PM

JC

“ Burls always had the most amazing stories to share. He was always captivating and always had a huge smile on his face. He would make the dullest day seem bright. Rest in peace Burls. I look forward to listening to your stories again one day.

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**Jason Conover** - October 16, 2015 at 04:41 PM

MF

“ Peace to you mark.. Remember those days at my house 9 Norwood st albany so much to say but little too late... Thought of you often over yrs..especially handle my dad funneral 1995 .. You came to house at front door ... My house had a huge porch and he always came in the backyard way thru kitchen yet mark walked right up and gave me a big hug at front porch and held on to me as I did to him that meant so much to me and our family... Hey mark u remember that basketball game. You went hard to the hoop got slammed and hurt carries to locker room... Crowd goes silent... He winks to me as they carry off . 10 min later he comes running out and the crowd goes wild !!!!! Burl's at his best !! Ha ha!! If you could only attend your own eulogy ... Love you bro!! Peace to you and family!! See u soon!!



Foo  
Mark Fouhy

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mark fouhy - October 16, 2015 at 04:35 PM

HA

“ Dear Beth and family, all of us in the Shahda family were surprised and saddened to hear of Mark's passing. As recounted by so many who have previously paid tribute to Mark, he was loved, respected, pure fun, always smiling and simply a joy to be with. But most of all, he was a great family man.

*My first encounter with "Burls" was as a young man who played baseball with my younger brother John. What fun they had! And I was so excited to think I might know a professional ball player when he was drafted.*

*Anita frequently crossed paths with Mark as they both went about their daily routine. She recounts wonderful memories of conversations and marvels that Mark never passed her without taking time to say hello and share a moment of his time.*

*When John heard of "Burls" sudden passing he shared the following sentiment: "Sad day when you lose a great guy."*

*On behalf of our family, despite the many years that have gone before us, please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May "Burls" RIP, and may your memory bank and your God help to sustain you as you go forward without "Burls".*

*Helen Shahda Articolo and the Shahda Family*

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**Helen Shahda Articolo** - October 16, 2015 at 01:31 PM

PS

“ Burls was a a great soul and all that knew him can testify he was the greatest example as a husband, father, brother and friend. He demonstrated integrity, character and the greatest love both on and off the field. There are so many poems and verses in scripture to share here remembering Mark, but one stands out most.

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

*His spirit will live on through Bethie, his family and hopefully within all of us*

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**paul stephens** - October 16, 2015 at 12:10 PM

 Louis  
Torres

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Louis Torres** - October 16, 2015 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ Sometimes when words fail us, a parable or a picture can help. Think of the parable of the Good Samaritan and how it tells us as much as we need to know about love for a neighbor or the picture of the young naked Vietnamese girl fleeing from a napalm attack. It told us more than we wanted to know about violence.

We have a picture of Burls in our hearts and minds that we would like to share with you by telling a "parable"

There was a contest of the Capital District Realtors Association to select that realtor who best exemplified the traits of integrity and trust. Of course Mark won that easily so he and Beth won an all expense paid trip in the middle of February to the Waldorf Astoria fronting the Gulf of Mexico in Naples, Florida.

The first morning there Burls woke up early to walk the beach. He took the tram over the boardwalk through the mangrove swamp to one of the world's nicest beaches. It just happened to be the lowest low tide of the winter and the beach was littered with starfish and so as Mark ambled along he picked up some starfish and flipped them back into the ocean.

At the same time, a Naples politician watched him and finally couldn't stand it anymore so he came up to Burls and said "Surely you don't think you can make a difference; this beach is littered with starfish. Mark didn't say a word (this tells you that this is a parable - Burls was never at a loss for words) he bent down, picked up a starfish, tossed it into the ocean and said to the politician. ...."Made a difference to that one didn't I?"

The starfish of course are all of us living in our own egocentric cocoon of a world and if we are really fortunate, we are one of the starfish picked up by Burls who showed us what love, generosity, caring giving, and trust in the heavenly one are all about. We can all become more loving people, because we have been touched by Burls. We do not have to remain stranded starfish

Don and Anne Snyder

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Don and Anne Snyder - October 16, 2015 at 10:05 AM

JR

*Coach- What a great tribute to Mark*

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**Jim Rulison** - October 16, 2015 at 12:38 PM

MG

*GOAL!!!, coach you couldnt have said it better, Burls made a difference in this guys life and so many more. I'm one of those starfish.*

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**Mark Garno** - October 16, 2015 at 02:18 PM

PC

“ *Some people are "students" and others "teachers" here on Earth. Mark was a "teacher", whether he realized it or not. Each person he touched through his different chapters of life benefited by his total being. Knowing him from High School and through our adult lives he never changed. Always kind, smiling and making time for you. I can only think that God sent him to this world to teach all of us a lesson and God feels he did. Now was the time for Mark to be at God's side*

*Mark will be missed by everyone and I hope we all learned what Mark's persona taught us.*

*Beth, you were blest with a diamond. He will always be watching over you. Your family and friends are at your side*

*Paula Carpenter*

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**Paula Carpenter** - October 16, 2015 at 07:23 AM

SS

“ Mrs. Burlingame,

*Very sorry but I will not be able to attend to pay my respect to Mark so I hope you and your children get a chance to read this.*

*I've known Mark most of my adult life; we played softball together and more recently in the real estate profession. I've never known a more kinder, caring human being in my life and I feel blessed to have known Mark and honored to be considered one of his friends.*

*Please accept our deepest sympathy; he will be deeply missed. Mark and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Steve & Meg Soulis*

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**Steve Soulis** - October 16, 2015 at 06:22 AM

KM

“ *I've read all the beautiful words written here through my tears and am unsure what to say myself - the loss is too large somehow to express in words -- I was privileged to work with Mark for a time as a volunteer youth leader, it wasn't only the youth who benefited from his guidance and teaching, Mark had a way of making everyone want to be better and to think they could be better - that gift to make people, especially young people, feel better about themselves, to instill that confidence, is immeasurable -- Mark loved his family and all the people who's lives he touched so much and so beautifully, but he seemed to have a special love for teens and their struggles and shared his gifts and his faith with them in a very meaningful way. Everyone who knew him was blessed to do so. Prayers and hugs to Beth, Jason & Kara.*

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**Kelli Moore** - October 16, 2015 at 04:29 AM

JM

“ Josh And Amy Martin lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"



Josh and Amy Martin - October 15, 2015 at 09:38 PM



“ The earth is a little bit darker today, as 1 of the best, kindest, sweetest human beings I've had the honor of knowing passed away. He knew me & my family from before I was even born! From playing his drums too loudly when I was about 3 (& couldn't hear Uncle Bob's player piano), to playing in the church softball league against my dad & grandfather, to attending my wedding 21 yrs. ago. He was at my side to help me when my Mother died suddenly & there again for me & my family when my grandfather passed 9 months later. He was the epitome of the good in humanity. Even though we went years between meetings, you'd think we'd just spoken a short time ago. He was a wonderful person & will be sorely missed! I'm very sad to say goodbye, but very glad to have known him.



Jillian Francisco Wrieden - October 15, 2015 at 09:15 PM

LF

“ Larghe Family lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"



Larghe Family - October 15, 2015 at 08:15 PM


BA

“ *Brenda Adams lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"* ”



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**Brenda Adams** - October 15, 2015 at 07:00 PM

 Kristin Rau

“ *Kristin Rau lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"* ”



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**Kristin Rau** - October 15, 2015 at 06:20 PM

DS

“ *Denni And John Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"* ”



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**Denni and John Sheridan** - October 15, 2015 at 05:02 PM

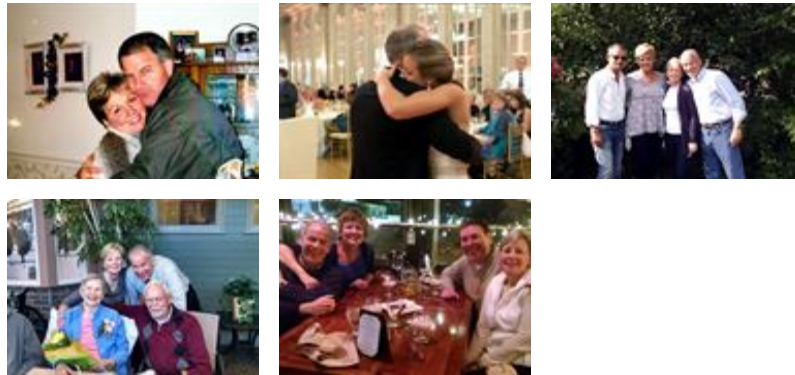
LR

“ We feel so fortunate to have crossed paths in our life's journey with Mark. We first met Mark at the funeral home as a very compassionate person to our family in our hours of grief. Then, when we needed help to sell a house, we knew who to call to help us because of his integrity and caring personality. In all the times that our paths crossed, it was very obvious of the faith Mark had as he shared with us. When the house sold in just a couple of days, he called us into his office at CM Fox and closed the door behind him and smiled his smile and said to us, "I very rarely have seen a house sold this fast, it just has to be Divine intervention"! We will never forget that smile and the caring person he was! Our sincere, heartfelt sympathy goes to the special family he leaves here to carry on his life's examples knowing that he is in the presence of his Lord. (((HUGS))), Carol & Les Relyea


Les and Carol Relyea - October 15, 2015 at 03:48 PM

MCVEIGH  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
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“ 121 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 15, 2015 at 12:51 PM

 Kristin  
Rau

“ Beth, Jason, Kara, and family - my brother Tim grew up with Jason, and I am happy to say that they've remained great friends to this day. We are all so saddened by this loss. While I don't see your family often, there has always been a certain comfort just knowing you are all there, and part of our little community. You can't help but feel comforted when you see Mark's warm, friendly smile, and it is reflected in all of you as well. Reading all of these comments truly shows what a remarkable person Mark was, which makes his loss truly great for those whose lives he touched. My heart aches for all of you, and I pray that you find comfort in all of the kind words and memories being shared. Please know that the entire Rau family are here for support as you get through this most difficult time. May God bless you all.

~Kristin Rau

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**Kristin Rau** - October 15, 2015 at 11:32 AM

TW

“ My condolences on your loss. He was my Baseball idol at camp shelley .

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**Ted Waitkus** - October 15, 2015 at 11:02 AM

DE

“ *Syl and I were shocked and devastated to have learned about Mark's passing. What a gregarious, warm, charismatic, thoughtful, loving, and caring person Mark was. I've known him since he was our baseball batboy, under the coaching leadership of his wonderful Dad. Later, we played baseball and softball together for years. Many of my friends first met him at Bill Schieffelin's service a couple of months ago. They were blown away with his eloquence, sense of humor, joyous smile, easy going manner, and how quickly he warmed to everyone. It took no time for them to get to know the real Mark. What a joy it was to have been able to call him my friend through the years. I will miss him greatly. Our prayers and loving thoughts to Beth and his loving family. We regret so much, that we are currently out of town and not able to attend his service, but we will be thinking of you. Bless you all- Dennis and Sylvia Elkin*

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**Dennis Elkin** - October 15, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 15, 2015 at 10:33 AM

RL

“ *Im so sorry to hear of Marks sickness and his passing.It seems everytime I encountered him at a family members Funeral or friends he showed the the most comforting words and his smile always brought a moment of feeling good at the time when a person needed it.Now its time to pay him back and let him know how much he has meant for the community and each time has brought someone that special smile and feeling good, It was Him, a real gentleman ,Father and someone that cared.Mark you will be missed!!*

*God Bless You,  
Rich Liddle and Family*

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**Rich Liddle** - October 15, 2015 at 10:06 AM

MO

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of a beautiful person and friend who will never be forgotten.  
"Burls" was the life of the party and one of the reasons for so many wonderful "St. Peter's crew" memories. We are blessed to have been able to share a piece of his life.  
We love you both so much. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Always,  
Marge and Tim*

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**Marge OBrien** - October 15, 2015 at 09:16 AM

DE

“ I have warm memories of Mark and Beth from my days of teaching at Guilderland High School. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of this incredible, joyful man -- your entire family will be in my prayers.

*Diane Battaglino Evans*

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**Diane Evans** - October 15, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ Mark was the person who would light up a room with his friendly, charismatic personality. There's no one in the world who wouldn't get along with Mark Burlingame. He had the warmest smile, and always made me laugh and in a better mood when we talked. It's such a tragedy to happen to such an amazing person, my deepest condolences are with his family and friends.

*Katie Hare*

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**Katie Hare** - October 15, 2015 at 08:58 AM

GG

“ Mark is a person whom one never forgets. His smile, friendship, and love for God and others always shone through. We were honored to have known him. Gail and Dale Ganott

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**Gail and Dale Ganott** - October 15, 2015 at 07:54 AM

PP

“ Oh my so sorry to hear. He will be missed. My sympathy to his family, may God give you all his love in this sad time. I have known Mark since I was a little girl. My Mom still has a home movie with him at my brothers birthday party as little kids. What a great guy he was. Rest in peace, may your find that big diamond in the sky.  
Peggy Palcic

Peggy Palcic - October 15, 2015 at 07:34 AM

KG

“ I will never forget his great smile and kind ways. He is a loss to the community as well as to his wonderful family. My deepest sympathy goes out to them.



Kathleen Gaige - October 15, 2015 at 07:21 AM

DD

“ Beth and family so saddened to hear about burls . First met him in high school in 1982 when he worked with our baseball team at guilderland . Then had the pleasure of playing softball with him for several yrs . Mark came along at a time in my life I was really going through a lot of things and he was a real driving force in keeping heading me in the right direction . I remember our talks and no matter how bad I felt I always felt a little better after talking to burls . I fell so fortunate to have had you touch my life I love you and you will be truly missed



don duma - October 15, 2015 at 07:02 AM

CB

“ Dear Beth, Jason. Kara and family,

*I am so deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend Burls. Please know my thoughts and prayers have been with all of you. The world lost a great one this week. Burls touched so many of us in such a positive manner. His legacy and love that he showed everyone will live on .*



*Burls was a true friend and I will always smile when I think of the love and laughs he gave to all of us. I for one am a better person having been lucky enough to have had Burls in my life as I am sure so many will attest.*

*Godspeed to our dear Burls and please know that our prayers are with you all.*

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**Chris Brassard** - October 15, 2015 at 06:23 AM

LH

“ I remember well playing baseball several years ago with Mark at camp Shelly in New Scotland. I share your loss having lost my wife Jan also to cancer last year. Hang in there. He will continue to touch your life as Jan does to me.

*Sincerely*

*Lee Heacock*

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**Lee Heacock** - October 15, 2015 at 05:57 AM

DF

“ Mark has always been such a comforting presence. Always a smile on his face and a good word of encouragement. Now you may rest in the comforting presence of the Lord. You deserve it.



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**Dave Romano and Family** - October 15, 2015 at 05:06 AM

RM

“ Bethie, Jason, Kara and the whole family, I am so heartbroken for you all. Burls was a big part of my life growing up. I have so many fond memories I can't count them or pick one in particular out because they are all special. Know you are all I'm my thoughts and prayers and I wish I could be there to share your grief and to also celebrate the life of such a special man. Much love to you all and God Bless.



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**Rob McNiven** - October 15, 2015 at 04:57 AM

MM

“ To family: May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all face."



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**Montana Mackenzie** - October 15, 2015 at 12:41 AM

RD

“ *My deepest sympathy to Beth and her children who survive Mark's passing. I knew Mark since kindergarten at Westmere Elementary School in 1961. My fondest memory of Mark is being Co-Captain with him on the 1969 Guilderland Pop Warner football team. There was a bond created by our shared experience that has lasted all these years. The bond does not end with his passing, nor end with mine. The bond is eternal between two spirits. Of all the things I could say here, and there is so much I would like to say about Mark. I will share this simple truth.*

*The true measure of a man is the memories he leaves behind in the minds of the people he knew and crossed paths with in life. If you look in the dictionary for the definition of "Classmate", you'll see Mark's name listed first. If you look for the definition of "Friend", you'll see Mark's name first again. If you look for the definition of "Team Mate" you'll see Mark's name listed first yet again. I will miss my classmate, my friend and my team mate, Mark. Go with the Lord in Peace and Eternal Grace.*

*With love, from your classmate, your friend and your team mate....Rudolph "Tony" Dolence*

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**Rudolph Dolence** - October 15, 2015 at 12:17 AM

MW

“ Beth, Jason, Kara, and family -  
Thoughts and prayers extended to you all as I know the last few months have been very difficult. He loved you all so much!



*Burls was a special man! He touched so many with his genuine character, positive spirit, and loving nature. I first met him through our years of work for the Guilderland Lettermen Foundation and, from the get-go, was emboldened by his community spirit. I also entrusted him to sell our parents home, which was done with such professionalism and sensitivity. We will all miss his smile, the strength delivered from each hug, and his notes of encouragement. He was a brother to so many and I/we were blessed to have him touch our world.*

Love,

Mark Williams

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Mark Williams - October 14, 2015 at 11:52 PM

MH

“ Bethie, Jason, Kara, and family. I am so sorry for your loss, Burls was such a blessing and support for my family for many years and the world has lost a beautiful loving gentle soul. I am sure dad was waiting at the gates for him with open arms. Just the way Burls was with everyone that he touched in life. Hearts though prayers and love with all of you.

Meghan (McGowan) Hassel

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Meghan Hassel - October 14, 2015 at 10:12 PM

DC

“ Our very deepest sympathy and prayers go out to your whole family. Mark was a special person with such a big heart for everyone he knew. We will always remember the warmth from him and his heart warming smile. Rest in Peace Mark. Our thoughts are with you at this very sad time, Donna & Renato Cellupica

Donna & Renato Cellupica - October 14, 2015 at 09:59 PM

KF

“ I was heartsick to read this news. There was no one I knew who had more integrity, more dedication to the people he served, than Mark. He was one in a million. What a terrible loss to his family and his community. May you all find comfort in his strong faith; he was a living tribute to it.

Kristen Frederick - October 14, 2015 at 09:53 PM

VH

“ Have not seen Burls since high school. He had the best attitude, smile, and laugh. Prayers for all his family and friends he was a wonderful human being at a young age. I can only imagine what wonderful contributions he made in this world. He's making God and the Angels smile.



Valerie Dine Holden - October 14, 2015 at 09:43 PM

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**Wendy Reid** - October 14, 2015 at 09:41 PM

WR

*Good times.*

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**Wendy Reid** - October 14, 2015 at 09:44 PM

TH

“ *Beth- My heart goes out to you and the rest of your family. Mark and you both helped my mother Ann and Father Dennis Durfee through many trying times..I will always remember Mark's smile and hugs of comfort when they both passed.*



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**Tamara Hack** - October 14, 2015 at 09:41 PM

SS

“ *So sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Although it's been many years since I've seen him, he will forever be remembered fondly. He was so kind to me when I was a kid and my dad passed away. Praying you all find comfort in the coming days.*



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**Shannon Mull Simpson** - October 14, 2015 at 09:13 PM

TH

“ Our lives are touched by very few who have lived like Jesus would want us to live-Mark is *THAT GUY*. As our hearts ache,our prayers for you Beth,Jason and Kara to go forward with the comfort,hope,and faith that you'll be reunited forever.

*Terry Heath*

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**Terry Heath** - October 14, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ *Beth, Jason, Kara and family:*  
I am so sorry for the loss of Burls. The picture posted is exactly how I want to remember him. His laugh was infectious. His compassion and love for people, in general, made him a phenomenal human being. He made the deaths of our loved ones so much easier to bear. His hugs were incredible. And he treated you like they were the only person in the room when he talked to you. There will never be another Burls. I asked him to give my Mimi (Jane Ronan) a hug, because I know she was there to greet him in Heaven. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.  
*Alison Davis (Newt & Jane's granddaughter)*

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**Ali Davis** - October 14, 2015 at 08:49 PM

MB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

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**Monica Bush** - October 14, 2015 at 08:40 PM

KU

“ My heart breaks for you Beth, Jason and Kara. I can not imagine the heartache that no words can heal . I am so sorry and send all my love and pray for your strength and healing . I can not say enough good things about him , he was truly an angel living among us ....



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**Kim Udell** - October 14, 2015 at 08:31 PM

 Colby Enides

“ So very, very sorry to Mark's family and all who loved him. I loved seeing Burls, and he was never without a smile. The last time I saw him, we realized that there was a connection that was indicative of why they call it "Small-bany." One of his most favorite camp counsellors from his childhood is my "other" Mother (she is not fond of the term "step-mother!"). Not only that, but Mark was selling Jim and Keith's house...who happen to be very good friend's of Norma's and my Mother's. Burls said that Jim and Keith had mentioned Norma to him, and now that I had brought her up, he was sure it meant something, and he was planning on seeing her when she came up. They never got that chance, but I was able to share his great memories, which meant more to Norma than I can express. Burls was also incredibly important to my husband's family, and has been around for my husband since he was little. We are so stunned and saddened by this tremendous loss, but hope that his friends and family can find some comfort in knowing how many people's lives he touched. He will never be forgotten, and that infectious smile will live on forever.

Our deepest condolences to Beth, and their kids, and all of the family's loved ones.



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**Colby Enides** - October 14, 2015 at 08:21 PM

PB

*Bethie, Jason, Kara... Burls is loved, his smile infectious, his life all encompassing. We share your sorrow and your joy for having known Burls. God bless.*

**Pam Klarsfeld/Peter Brunk** - October 15, 2015 at 06:19 AM

CH

*“ Beth, Jason, Kara, and all who loved Burls... I cannot begin to convey my sadness at your loss. He was a simply marvelous person, who had a greater impact on my life than I'm sure he would ever take credit for. A world without him is difficult to conceive, to say the least. Sending all my love to you during this unbearable time.*



*Casey (Garrison) Hutchinson*

**Casey Hutchinson** - October 14, 2015 at 08:16 PM

 Judy Hebert

*“ I've had the privilege of working with Mark for the past year. I witnessed a man of honor, and a man of God. A man who knew about life's true treasures. He was a spirited leader, and knew the importance of customer service and professionalism. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to Mark's family and friends.*

**Judy Hebert** - October 14, 2015 at 07:49 PM

BR

“ Dear Beth and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I have seen him a few times over the years since graduation and he was always smiling, kind, thoughtful and very personable. I have fond memories of his Motown performance at Al Kisby's 40th birthday party many years ago. No one did Aretha Franklin like Burls! He will be sorely missed by many. Deepest sympathies to you and your family, Brenda Reagan (nee Ryan).

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**Brenda Reagan** - October 14, 2015 at 07:23 PM

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**Mark Garno** - October 14, 2015 at 07:19 PM

NL

“ Dear Beth, Jason, and Kara: I cannot express how very sorry I am for the journey your family has been on. Quite honestly, I think Mark was the nicest man I ever met. I was able to share a very special conversation with him in July and I am so thankful that I have that final memory of him. My heart goes out to all of you for the now empty spot in your family. I hope Doug was able to greet him with open arms and they can together watch over their families from above. You will all be often in my thoughts, as you have been over these past months. Love, Nancy Lawton

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**Nancy Lawton** - October 14, 2015 at 07:10 PM

NV

*Beth and Family,*

*We are so very sorry and saddened to hear of the passing of Mark. He was the most kindest, compassionate and warm hearted man we have ever met. His warm smile and gentle voice made our difficult times much easier. He was always there to lend an ear, a hug, a tissue and words of wisdom. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Nicole and Skip VanAuken  
Rotterdam, NY*

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**Nicole VanAuken** - October 14, 2015 at 07:31 PM

CM

“ *Beth and family,  
Burls and I hit it off from the moment I joined the CM Fox family. He was much more than a coworker. He was a great friend to me during an extremely difficult time. I'm going to miss him and his random text messages. I will never forget him or his contagious smile. RIP Burls*



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**Chris McCabe** - October 14, 2015 at 07:07 PM

DW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mark and Jim were always there for my family when we had a loved one pass away. He was a wonderful support when my husband John Hall died in 1997. He was a great man and always smiling. I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed. God bless you all!!*

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**Diane (Hall) Wells** - October 14, 2015 at 06:55 PM

NT

“ Dear Beth and family, I know your hearts are broken, and though it can in no way compare to your pain, our hearts are broken as well. This is such a great loss to our community and everyone who knew him. I remember many years ago being in the high school gymnasium for some event for the girls, (moving up day or something), anyway, I was sitting on the opposite side of the gym in the bleachers distracted by a mom having a terrible time and getting very frustrated with her misbehaving boys (who obviously didn't want to be there). As the mom became more and more agitated with the boys I watched Mark quietly get up and go sit between the mom and the boys and very gently talk to them and calm the whole situation down. I have never forgotten this, and I remember thinking then, that is a special guy. Just a small example of what I am sure you experienced on a daily basis. I wanted you to know that we all saw how special he was too!

*Nancy Trumpler and family*

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**Nancy Trumpler** - October 14, 2015 at 06:47 PM

PR

“ To Mark's family-- It is with heavy hearts that we send our condolences to all of you. Mark was one of the kindest, and most caring and compassionate people we have been blessed to know. He touched so many lives, and his presence truly made our world a more peaceful and better place. Now HE has eternal peace with the Lord. We grieve his loss with you. We loved him, and will never forget him. Until we meet again, he lives on through you, his beautiful family. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you. God bless you all.

*Pat & Ken Rau*

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**Patricia Rau** - October 14, 2015 at 06:38 PM

CH

“ Beth, so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I know it's been over 30 years since we worked together at Child's, but I still think of you often. May God bless you. Christi (Grasso) Hayden



Christi Hayden - October 14, 2015 at 06:32 PM

CB

“ Cathi Buchardt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark R. Burlingame "Burls"



cathi buchardt - October 14, 2015 at 06:23 PM

JC

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Mark's passing. He was truly one of the most uplifting people I have ever known. Always a smile, always a warm hug, always an encouraging word. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and and in our prayers.

Janet & Terry Chalker

Janet Chalker - October 14, 2015 at 12:26 PM

DH

When I think of all the people he cheered in their darkest moments, and all the real sympathy he shared with bereaved families, it was easy to believe he would always be around to make everyone feel better with his smile and gentle tone. We are all of us human, but some have that superhuman quality about them, that transcends the ordinary man or woman, and Mark was one of those Earth angels; God blessed all of us with his presence. My sympathies to Beth and his kids, who are in my thoughts and prayers. He was a truly wonderful man.

Deborah Herodes - October 14, 2015 at 01:43 PM

MG

*For 46 years I was blessed to have you as a friend, a brother. You were always there for me. Our bond will last beyond eternity. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" I love you Shorty and miss you.*

Garns

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**Mark "Garns" Garno** - October 14, 2015 at 03:40 PM

SA

*Love to you, Beth, and your family on the passing of a true gentleman.*

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**Sue Robertson Aden** - October 14, 2015 at 05:57 PM

BC

*When the Furdon sisters were in need of a loving place so we could all share our Mom's final days together Mark was ready to assist and helped in many ways. We will always be in his debt for his support. He has always been a true gentleman and our hearts go out to his family Barb and Garth Childs*

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**barbara childs** - October 14, 2015 at 06:07 PM

VJ

*Mark will always be cherished in our hearts and our memories. As so many have said - he was always there for us, always able to soothe our pain and forever there when we needed him or just wanted to be around him to share his humor. He was my crutch when I had to bury my parents and I will always remember time spent with Mark to get me through it. When his mother passed, I did my best to be there for him and hope it helped. I wish he had saved some of that goodness for himself. God be with you all as Mark is now in his care. Viv Jones*

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**Vivian Jones** - October 14, 2015 at 06:51 PM

JA

*Burls will forever hold a special place with the Anthony and Carman families. He was genuine and fun, caring and sincere. His smile could light up a room. I feel so blessed to have known such a special person. Love to you Beth and all of your family.*

*Jill Anthony*

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**Jill Anthony** - October 14, 2015 at 09:44 PM