



James Patrick Burgie

March 17, 1957 - November 18, 2020

James 'Jim' Patrick Burgie, 63 of Charlotte, a quiet man with a great sense of humor, died November 18, 2020. Jim was born in Battle Creek on March 17, 1957 to Robert and Mary Ellen 'Meg' (Gibbs) Burgie, one of seven children. Growing up with a large family, Jim learned to stand out in a crowd with his athletic abilities during high school. From 1973-1975, he earned many awards and recognition in football, baseball and wrestling, and continued through college and is a member of the Hall of Fame there. A 1975 graduate of Charlotte High School, Jim then went on to Olivet College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting.

Jim was a rock for his family. A humble man, Jim could be counted on and would eagerly jump in to help whenever he was able. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially opening day of deer season with the boys. Jim also enjoyed traveling with his family. He continued his passion for sports his entire life, even making trips to Notre Dame and Green Bay to cheer for his favorite teams. Jim met his wife while working at A and E Hoover, and then later worked for Flex-n-Gate in Battle Creek for 12 years until his retirement in 2019.

Jim is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sheila; sons, Brian (Heidi) Sutton, Jason (Angelina) Sutton, Jared (Jenny) Sutton, and William (Mandie) Burgie; 2 granddaughters, Skyler and Emma Sutton; siblings, Sue (Frank) Dunham,

Tom (Lyn) Burgie, Mike (Jan) Burgie, Peggy Mrowca, Mary (Byron) Baumbach, and Terri Waterman; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Jim's family. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 23, 2020, 2:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the service, from 1-2 PM at St. Mary Church. Mask, group capacity, and distancing guidelines will be practiced. The funeral will also be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Jim's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Jim on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Millerburg Cemetery

Millerburg Hwy & Valley Hwy
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
807 St. Mary Boulevard
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of James Patrick Burgie*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 23, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Patrick Burgie*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 21, 2020 at 04:26 PM

RD

Lovely Tribute to Jim.

Rita M Dunham - November 24, 2020 at 11:27 AM

MB

Beautiful tribute to Jim and his family whom he loved so dearly.

Mary Burgie Baumbach - December 06, 2020 at 10:41 AM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He and your whole family hold a special place in my heart ❤️.

Meghan (Hettich) Rowinski - November 26, 2020 at 08:36 PM

NG

“ I'm so saddened by Jim's passing. Sending deepest condolences to the Burgie family.

Nancy Caughey Gensel

nancy gensel - November 24, 2020 at 09:11 AM

DB

“ Jims family and the Burgie family have my thoughts.prayers and simpathy the family and this world have lost a very good Man all my love Don E.Burgie

Don E. Burgie - November 23, 2020 at 02:37 PM

DB

almost forgot my wife Don and Jackie Burgie

Don E. Burgie - November 23, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 21, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of James Patrick Burgie.



November 21, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ . purchased the *Delightful Dieffenbachia* for the family of James Patrick Burgie.



. - November 21, 2020 at 10:17 AM

DH

“ Dear Sheila and family, I am so VERy sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and yours.

Diane Ziegler Hudson

Diane Hudson - November 21, 2020 at 09:41 AM

CH

“ Our deep condolences to the entire Burgie family. Jim was a lifelong friend of mine and many others from about 1965 when we met through organized sports, and I'll miss catching up with him at our class events. It was always good to see him, and the sign of a true friend comes with a greeting that was always as if we had seen each other the day before. I'll miss you my friend.

Craig Holmes

Craig Holmes - November 21, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of James Patrick Burgie.



November 21, 2020 at 07:43 AM

BV

“ I met Jim when my family moved to Charlotte in 1971. Both of us sitting with our huge families in the creaky old St. Mary's Church pews every Sunday. Graduating together we had so much fun with Mike, Jeff, Don! Lots of stories and they all involved laughing....hard!! If you know Jim you know that laugh! To Jim's family I am so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers for you....

Rest peacefully Jim.

Bill Voigt

Bill Voigt - November 20, 2020 at 07:43 PM

WF

“ With Love, Mike & Sue Wyman and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Patrick Burgie.



With Love, Mike & Sue Wyman and Family - November 20, 2020 at 07:23 PM

ML

“ Sheila and Family, I am so sad that you have lost such a large part of family. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Margaret (Pereida) Lira - November 20, 2020 at 04:22 PM

SE

“ My heart broke seeing the passing of Jim. Heart weeps for Sheila & the Burgie family. RIP my friend.

Sam & Marilyn Ellison

Sam Ellison - November 20, 2020 at 03:12 PM

PW

“ Pat, Laura and Brock Wyman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Patrick Burgie.



Pat, Laura and Brock Wyman - November 20, 2020 at 10:34 AM

DW

“ When my family moved from Woodland, Mi to charlotte in 72, Jim was one pf the people who helped me to be accepted. RIP ole friend.

Donald Winsley - November 20, 2020 at 07:58 AM

DB

“ *Sheila & Family*
Jim's illness and passing has been difficult to accept- he was so young and just starting his retirement life. I am going to miss him - as fellow Accountants we always talked at family gatherings - with debit/credit tips and showing each other our "pocket protectors". I have always felt that Jim was one of the best all around athletes from the Burgie clan- his high school and college sporting accomplishments were legendary. Sheila, we will continue to support you and your family in prayer.

Love, Dave & Marilyn Burgie

David Burgie - November 20, 2020 at 07:41 AM

AB

“ Jim was always so kind and welcoming to everyone. Uncle Jim and I would catch up on life at family gatherings. Which would often turn into laughter and jokes. His jokes would always make us laugh together. Saying goodbye is so difficult, so for now “see you later, Uncle Jim”. We love you, we miss you!
Love, Darren and Alisha Buehrer

Alisha Buehrer - November 19, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Patrick Burgie.



November 19, 2020 at 08:39 PM

AV

“ Sheila & family,

Hearing the news of Jim's passing has been heart-breaking for us. Jim was such a kind man who would do literally anything for anyone. The boys, especially Liam, always loved to stop over and visit with you both- swing, check out the fish in the little pond, and get a freeze pop out of the freezer. I can still picture Jim from our own back yard...standing in the garage with a beer after work. Both Sheila and Jim were like the boys' Charlotte Grandparents. Buying that house back in 2013 was such a blessing because we had you both as neighbors. We seriously could not have asked to live next door to a more kind and helpful person such as Jim. He will be greatly missed by so many. We hope you all find peace and comfort knowing he is no longer in pain and remember all the special memories you have shared. Sheila, you are always in our thoughts and prayers. Please take care of yourself.

Ashley Volz

Ashley Volz - November 19, 2020 at 08:37 PM



DD

“ Darrin & Jeannie, Jake & Renee, Alisha & Darren purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Patrick Burgie.



Darrin & Jeannie, Jake & Renee, Alisha & Darren - November 19, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Patrick Burgie.*



November 19, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ *Jim was a awesome brother-in-law! Easy to get along with and always fun to be around. He had the best laugh and even though he didn't have good taste in his football teams (Green Bay and Notre Dame:) I still loved him. I loved to talk to him at family gathering and tell him a joke or two so I could hear his laugh. I was very proud of Jim, I would tell my friends of how he was put into the Olivet College Hall of Fame for wrestling.*

Miss you already!

Love Darrin & Jeannie

Darrin Adleman - November 19, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Patrick Burgie.*



November 19, 2020 at 06:50 PM

GB

“ *Sheila and all the 'Charlotte' Burgies. So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking to Jim at family events. He was such a nice man. I will keep the family in my prayers.*
Ginnie Burgie Barber

Ginnie Barber - November 19, 2020 at 03:54 PM

BJ

“ *Sheila and Burgie family, So very sorry for your loss. I think of Jim every time I watch the Packers. Thinking of all of you and keeping you in my prayers.*

Beth and Kevin Jones - November 19, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Patrick Burgie.*



November 19, 2020 at 02:19 PM