



# John M. Burkey

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**J**ohn M. Burkey, age 40, formerly of Pittsford, NY, passed away following a courageous 9 month battle with cancer, on Sunday, August 3, 2014 at Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE. He was born on February 15, 1974 in Millersburg, OH, and was son of James T. and Jane F. (Martin) Burkey, formerly of Pittsford, NY, who currently reside in Lewes, DE.

John attended Pittsford Sutherland High school. Following school John operated a fork lift, before completing training as a commercial truck driver, which profession he loved. John worked 12 years for TransAm Trucking in Olathe, KS, where he received a One Million Mile jacket for accident-free driving. John took a year off to start a NO MORE FRICTION motor oil product business in Erie, PA. John moved to Armour, SD two years ago, where he worked for Stan's Trucking in Alpena, SD. John regularly picked up loads near Lewes, enabling visits which delighted his parents.

Growing up John was a good bowler and skier and enjoyed roller coasters, snowmobiles, jet skis, motor bikes and practicing magic tricks. Later, John loved to play golf, fish and gun and bow shoot. He was an avid Glen Beck fan, a Constitutionalist and proud member of the NRA. John's favorite pastimes while driving were listening to CD's and phone conversations with family and friends, some of whom he never met. John was a loving and generous, son, brother and uncle. John was a dearly loved man and will be missed by all who knew him. John was close to Jesus, his Lord and Savior.

In addition to his parents, John is survived by his brother, Jeff Burkey and his wife Alyvia of Pittsford, NY, his niece Cece, and his nephew Chase.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at Lewes Presbyterian Church, 133 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. Interment will be held at a later date in Pittsford, NY. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE.



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In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Nazarene Well House, 47 13 1/2 St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901 where John stayed while being treated at the Mayo Clinic.

Please sign Mr. Burkey's Life Memorial webpage at this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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JF

**Julie Curley And Family** posted:

Jane, Jim and Jeff our thoughts are with you. When I think of John a memory of all of our families at Indian Lake for Christmas keeps coming to mind. I also remember a pontoon boat docking experiences with John, Spud and I where I ended up in the water. These memories make me smile when I think of John. He will be missed. We are sorry for your loss.

August 10 at 8:00 PM

SE

**Sandra Ensenat** posted:

Jim, Jane and family, I am deeply sorry to hear of your loss. Hoping you find comfort in the love of family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

August 10 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Bill Baughman** posted:

Jim and Jane, So sorry for your loss of John. May the wonderful memories sustain you. God bless you and your entire family. In Christ's love Bill Baughman and family

August 9 at 8:00 PM

KH

**Karla & Robert Hubbard** posted:

I have brain cancer & my husband & I met John at the Nazarene Well House. John was a very inspirational & courageous man & he taught us a lot. You & everyone is in our thoughts & prayers.

August 9 at 8:00 PM

BZ

**Bruce And Linda Zingler** posted:

We met John at the Nazarene well House in Rochester. The thing we remember most was his attitude and also the ability to help others and give them the needed attention to help with their problems instead of dwelling on his own. We are going to miss John. You have our prayers

August 8 at 8:00 PM



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JD

**Jackie Dicrasto** posted:

Burkey as we called him was a good friend of my son, Kevin DiCrasto, in Rochester, ny, I remember him always as a very respectful young man whenever he came to the house, I am sure he will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him, my sympathy goes out to his family at this time. Jackie DiCrasto

August 7 at 8:00 PM

CR

**Claude Raschke** posted:

I met John as a driver for Stan's. John was a great driver and a great person. One trip I will never forget, I met John at the truck stop in York NE, we were crossing paths, and had lunch together. As we were eating a couple of reserve troops came in and was eating lunch also. John called over their server and told her he would buy their lunch. He was a good man and he will be missed by everyone he ever met.

August 7 at 8:00 PM

FC

**Fran And Dan Carson** posted:

Burkey Family - Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I hadn't seen John since we were both kids, but I feel like through your recent updates I got to know what a wonderful person he was. We're sorry for your loss.

August 6 at 8:00 PM

GG

**Gary Gilman** posted:

I will always cherish the great memories of growing up with John.

August 6 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Jaime Heveron** posted:

You do not know what true friendship is unless you are friends with John Burkey. I have so many memories, John helped me through so much. John helped everyone through so much. My heart breaks for your loss Burkey family. May you rest in peace John. Heaven is a little brighter now.

August 6 at 8:00 PM



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SH

**Sara And Horia Rus** posted:

Sara and Horia Rus has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

August 6 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Amanda Benkert** posted:

You will be so missed my old friend... I have so many good memories to remember you by. Peace be with you...

August 5 at 8:00 PM

ZL

**Zack Levine** posted:

To a really good friend may u rest in peace bro

August 5 at 8:00 PM

GB

**Gayle Stratton (Boice)** posted:

Loved John and so sorry to hear of his passing. I met him at Clover Lanes and always looked forward to seeing him each week at bowling wearing his shorts in the middle of winter. He always made me laugh and he lived life to the fullest. I want to offer my sincere condolences to his family.

August 5 at 8:00 PM

TG

**Tricia Johnson (Gonzalez)** posted:

My favorite memory was when a bunch of us were going swimming and I was hesitant to get in the water. I wasn't positive that everyone around me were making the best choices. John said, "it's OK.... I won't let anything happen to you." I believed him. There was just something in him that I knew I could trust him completely. His heart of gold and ability to protect people with kindness and his presence was amazing.

August 5 at 8:00 PM



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KD

**Kevin Dicrasto** posted:

So many great memories! John was a true friend and a wonderful human being. Rest In Peace, Burkey. I already miss your phone calls from the open road.

August 5 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Jessica Hayden** posted:

Dear Burkey Family, I have heard such nice things about John and am so sorry for your loss. Your family and John are in my thoughts.

August 5 at 8:00 PM

GB

**Gerry & Carol Brown** posted:

Jim & Jane: You and your family are in our prayers. We, too, know the sorrow of losing a son at the age of 40. May God wrap you in his arms and provide you with peace and comfort. Our deepest sympathy.

August 5 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Jason Sawicki** posted:

It is hard to believe this happened to a great person. I am privilege to have been a pal in the young years of school. People are going to miss you all over. To your family I am sorry that you lost someone dear and caring...

August 5 at 8:00 PM

CP

**Chasten J Potts** posted:

To my sweet beautiful true friend. I love you and all are memerys we have to gather I will tell my daughter. I am so glade last time I was home you got to meet my sweet baby girl. I am so very blessed that the lord gave me you to be my best friend and be the brother I never had . You always set me strate even when I didnt want to be. But at the sane time you where setting me strate you also made me laugh. We had had this friendship that words can not explains how much it mant. I love you Burkey and untill I see you againe here's a hug for you. I send my condolence to your family who I have never mate but I feel like I have. So I will be praying for you guys Sending a hug and lots of love your way..

August 4 at 8:00 PM



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MF

**Mickey Farquhar** posted:

My thoughts are with your family at this very sad time. Remember the good times. Prayers for all.

August 4 at 8:00 PM

KS

**Karen Meyrath Shannon** posted:

My heart goes out to your family in this time of great loss. Prayers for healing for you all and to let the good memories of John flood your minds.

August 4 at 8:00 PM

CM

**Chuck Metcalfe** posted:

My heart goes out to Johns family. I only met john after high school because he was friends with my cousin. We hit it off and were good friends ever sence. He had an infectious smile and loved to make people happy. R.I.P.

August 4 at 8:00 PM

JV

**Joe, Jessica And Lucy Valenti** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends

August 4 at 8:00 PM

SS

**Shayna Salisbury** posted:

John miss you so much! We had great conversations on FB. Then they just kinda started dwindling down. Always had you on my mind. Wondering how you were feeling. You would always keep me posted as to how you were doing. I would write but nothing. I hated hearing when you would say you were in pain. John I am happy you are no longer in pain! You have been set free! Please take great care of your family and friends! Love you John!

August 4 at 8:00 PM



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MG

**Missy Grandjean** posted:

To the Burkey Family- My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. John was a forever type of friend and I will miss him more than I can say. If there is anything we can do please reach out. My deepest sympathies- Missy

August 4 at 8:00 PM

EM

**Elysa Mykytyn** posted:

A truly genuine person- he will be missed and fondly remembered- so sorry to hear this news

August 4 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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