



## John Edward Burton III

March 5, 1987 - December 27, 2023

John Edward Burton III of Chester, MD passed away on December 27, 2023, in Anchorage, AK. He was 36 years old.

Born on March 5, 1987, in Annapolis, MD, he was the son of John and Shelley Burton. He graduated from Kent Island High School, class of 2005. After graduation, he joined the US Navy where he learned he wanted to spend his life traveling the world.

John was astonishingly passionate about aviation. He was a flight instructor at Brett Aviation, climbed the aviation ladder to GrandView Aviation, and finally found his dream of flying international for Atlas Air. John loved spending time between Florida and Alaska, two of the most extreme opposites. If you didn't find him lounging on the beach or cruising around on a jet ski; you could find him hiking through ice caves or skiing down the snow slopes. He was the life of the party, no matter where he was.

John is survived by his mother, Shelley Burton-Sullivan (Sully); sister, Brittany Burton (Jordyn); stepbrothers, Timothy, and Robert Sullivan; stepsister, Bridget Sullivan; aunts, Denise Martin (Joe), and Diane Lewis; cousins, Joseph Martin (Madolyn), Julia Martin, Mark Zador, and Samantha Muenzer; grandparents, Debbie Lephew, and Helen Burton-Breedlove; his fur-nephew, Eddie; as well as many friends and aviation family.

He is predeceased by his father, John Burton, Jr, and grandfather, Bud Breedlove.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hello, friends and family! I wanted to share some photos of a few beautiful memories we found on an old phone of Johnny’s. I hope you enjoy them, and that they remind you of the incredible joy he brought into our lives!



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**Ryan Hill** - January 21, 2024 at 12:31 AM

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“ Thank you for being authentically you, and always accepting me for who I am. While you only came into my life for a short season, the memories and friendship we made I’ll keep with me forever. I’m a better person for knowing you.

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**Shane** - January 17, 2024 at 10:53 AM

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“ Shelley, I am so very sorry. I am keeping you in my prayers.

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**Rhonda Terry** - January 15, 2024 at 08:39 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Wish I was closer to be with the family . Love you and will have you in our prayers.

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**Richard &Ethel Mae Knowles** - January 15, 2024 at 06:42 PM

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**Ethel Mae Knowles** - January 15, 2024 at 06:43 PM

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“ *I'm deeply sorry for the family and friends of this young man gone way too soon. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.* ”



**Susan Oliveri** - January 15, 2024 at 03:22 PM

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“ *Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of John Edward Burton III* ”



**Annie Gardner** - January 15, 2024 at 01:31 PM

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“ *Johnny was a sweetheart. Enjoyed the trip we took to Nashville staying at Opryland Hotel for FBLA and KIHS. So sorry to hear of his passing and know that his family miss him. Prayers and hugs.* ”



**Nancy Morris** - January 15, 2024 at 01:11 PM