



John E. Burton Jr.

February 27, 1969 - August 29, 2013

John Edward Burton, Jr., from Chester, MD, died Thursday, August 29, 2013, at his home. He was 44.

Born February 27, 1969, in Easton, MD, he was the son of Marvin (Bud) and Virginia (Helen) Burton-Breedlove from Stevensville, MD. He graduated from Queen Anne's County High School Class of 1987. After school he started working at The Cove Creek Club which he absolutely loved, then stayed on at Cove Creek working under Lasting Impression's LLC. John was a wonderful person, a great father, and his family was his whole world. He loved to go fishing on the boat, working on his truck, and cooking out on the grill. He was a hard worker and could never say no to any person in need.

In addition to his parents, John is survived by his wife, Shelley Burton of Centreville; two children, John Edward Burton, III from Baltimore, MD and Brittany Nichole Burton from Centreville, MD; sister, Diane Lynn Lewis and her husband John of South Carolina; brother, Milton Burton of Hurlock, MD; sister and brother in law, Denise and Joe Martin from Easton, MD; four nieces and nephews; John's biological father John Edward Burton, Sr.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester where family and friends may visit on Wednesday from 6- 8 p.m. Burial will follow the service in

Stevensville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 939, Stevensville, MD 21666 or Kent Island Volunteer Fire Dept., 1610 Main St., Chester, MD 21619.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 14, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *John E. Burton Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John E. Burton Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John E. Burton Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Gina Weston Paul lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Gina Weston Paul - October 02, 2013 at 03:19 PM

SJ

“ Sue Hughes & Jon lit a candle in memory of
John E. Burton Jr.



Sue Hughes & Jon - September 20, 2013 at 10:09 AM

TT

“ With my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Terry Alton - Thompson

Terry Alton - Thompson - September 06, 2013 at 12:03 PM

MM

“ Dear Burton Family,

*Our grandchildren loved waving to John as he drove through our
Cove Creek community. We are better for knowing him and will
smile when we think of him.*

Mary and Pat McClain

Mary McClain - September 05, 2013 at 09:10 PM

TR

“ *To the Burton Family:*

Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of John.

"The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God."

With our deepest sympathy,

Tammy L. Rigoli and Members of Ravens Nest 20, Queen Anne's County

Tammy Rigoli - September 05, 2013 at 11:10 AM

TR

“ *Tammy Rigoli lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Tammy Rigoli - September 05, 2013 at 10:57 AM

SC

“ *Buddy, Helen, Shelley (and kids) Diane...Scott and I would like to send our condolences. We just found out last night about John's passing and Scott is saddened deeply. He is sorry he could not make it but sends his love to everyone. We know there are no words that can make the pain go away, hold his memory in your heart and he will never be far. Many hugs, prayers and thoughts to you all. If you need anything please let us know. Praying for you all. May God be with you at this time.*

Scott and JoAnn Cook - September 05, 2013 at 08:58 AM

BC

“ *Brad And Jennifer Childress lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Brad and Jennifer Childress - September 04, 2013 at 11:56 PM

CW

“ *What will Cove Creek do without John? He will be very difficult to succeed, impossible to replace. Chuck Work and Roni Haggart*

Charles R. Work - September 04, 2013 at 02:22 PM

AG

“ *John was such calm, steady and friendly presence at Cove Creek, always ready with a smile, a wave and really good advice based on his extensive knowledge of the community. We really didn't think there was anything he didn't know or couldn't do. We are unbelievably saddened by his passing and send our most sincere condolences to his family. We will all miss him terribly.*
Ray and Artha Groves

Artha Groves - September 04, 2013 at 01:25 PM

MF

“ *Margie Freeman lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Margie Freeman - September 04, 2013 at 01:00 PM

BN

“ John had we only known that you needed help. Over the years you helped all of us at Cove Creek. You never let one of us down, no job was too big or too small you were always willing. The countless times you called me on Friday morning with a weather/ course report if we could or could not play golf. We always said it was John's golf course and he gave us permission to play on it. May you be at peace you will be missed.

Ben & Beverly Nees

Beverly Nees - September 03, 2013 at 09:56 PM

BG

“ We have known John for almost ten years- what an amazing smile and those beautiful blue eyes! Always ready and willing to help us with whatever we needed. Wishing we could have been there for you- if only we had known...peace be with you and comfort to your family.

Bethanne & Warren Goldman

Bethanne Goldman - September 03, 2013 at 08:21 PM

KC

“ John was a bright star in the LILC family ,with his gentle nature and ability to complete the most difficult task with a smile on his face . Each and every year we worked together he impressed me more and more with the person he was. I am deeply sadden we could not have helped him during his time of need. My condolences and prayers to his family and many loved ones . He will be missed by all who knew him .

Ken and JoAnne Combs

Kenneth Combs - September 03, 2013 at 03:51 PM

AP

“ *Art And Lenda Potts lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Art and Lenda Potts - September 03, 2013 at 02:44 PM

KS

“ *Kelly Schnars lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Kelly Schnars - September 03, 2013 at 02:09 PM

MT

“ *Ms. Helen, Mr. Bud and Diane, I am praying for you all during this very difficult time. I have such fond memories of spending time with you at the beach when we were kids. To Shelly and John's children, words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. My parents, Jim and Cathy, are also keeping you all in their thoughts and prayers. Merideth Siegman-Thornton Chester, MD*

Merideth Thornton - September 03, 2013 at 12:22 PM

DW

“ We are devastated by the news that John is gone.
We'll miss his easy-going manner, his kind personality, helpful attitude and his ready smile in Cove Creek.
We send our deepest sympathy to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now. May John's soul rest in peace.

*Deidre and John Wilson
Cove Creek Club*

Deidre Wilson - September 03, 2013 at 11:43 AM

AJ

“ We have known and worked with John since he started in Cove Creek 25 years ago. He was truly a wonderful young man who helped Cove Creek, and us, in so many ways - and always with kindness, a lovely smile and those sparkling blue eyes. He was like a member of our family, a good friend and a gift to us - we loved him and will miss him every day. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Allen and Cheryl Jones

Allen and Cheryl Jones - September 03, 2013 at 09:37 AM

RG

“ Robin Gleason lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.



Robin Gleason - September 03, 2013 at 09:23 AM

PF

Dear, dear, wonderful John Burton. John ALWAYS had a smile and a wave for everyone he passed, and as so many have said, he never refused to help anyone in need. He was such a soft-spoken man, but you knew he had a very strong personality and resolve to always do the right thing. He seemed to work from dawn till dusk, he loved animals, he loved people. We will miss him very, very much.

*Peggy & Kirk Falk
Cove Creek Club*

Peggy Falk - September 04, 2013 at 05:51 PM

HS

“ I didn't know John well, but I liked him very much. I never heard him say an unfair or unkind word, and his expressive blue eyes always made me smile. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. He will be very missed.

Heather Scanlon - September 03, 2013 at 07:25 AM

DD

“ Denise Dean lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.



Denise Dean - September 03, 2013 at 05:52 AM

 Lois
Lee

“ Lois Lee lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.



Lois Lee - September 02, 2013 at 11:01 PM

KK

“ *Karen Kelkowski lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Karen Kelkowski - September 02, 2013 at 06:28 PM

KK

All the years I have known you, your family, and had spent with them, I will cherish each one in my heart always. There were so many! I am honored to have had known you. This is a loss that will take a long time to understand. Your soul is at peace, and you will be forever missed by all.

Karen Kelkowski - September 02, 2013 at 06:38 PM

CM

“ *We almost cried when we heard the news. What a loss to all who knew John! We knew him better than some – not as well as many others. But we knew when we saw him, whether just to stop and chat or to ask another favor, that he would have that happy smile, that gracious manner, that willing response.*

Cove Creek will not be the same without John. Our thoughts and prayers go with him and to all his family.

Carter and Ginny McKaig

Carter and Ginny McKaig - September 02, 2013 at 11:45 AM

KF

“ John was truly a very special man. I first knew him as a loyal employee and hard working business man who was a true professional at his craft. Later we discovered John's higher calling as a loving husband and proud father.

Quiet yet strong with piercing blue intelligent eyes and that ever-present beguiling smile, John was a friend who was always willing to drop what he was doing to lend a helping hand.

As we celebrate a life well lived and now called home to be with the Lord, Peggy and I send prayers gratitude to the Burton Family for sharing John with us. He was a truly special man.

May the hand of the Living God guide you all,

Kirk Falk

Kirk & Peggy Falk - September 02, 2013 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ Anytime I had a problem repairing something at The Club, whether it be electrical or mechanical, "Mr. Cove Creek" always new the answer. John would always stop to help me, no questions asked. Thanks for all your help Dear Friend. I will always remember your kindness. Things will never be the SAME!! Our deepest sympathy to Johns family!

Dennis Strzegowski

Dennis Strzegowski - September 02, 2013 at 10:32 AM

MH

“ As a caring Cove Creeker the ESSENCE of John will always be with me and grateful that my life was touched by HIS GENTLE CARING WAYS and HIS OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC'S . He always took time to offer needed help and Share his Wonderful Smile and Sincere Kind Eyes and left you with a of feeling of Warmth and Goodness ...

May his Parents and Loved Ones feel the comfort of knowing how many lives he touched and how he made Cove Creek a Beautiful Place to Live....Sending prayers for added strength during this sad time, . Margie Haig

Margie Haig - September 02, 2013 at 03:04 AM

JK

“ John was one of the first people I met at Cove Creek and I instantly knew he was genuine.

There are not many who I can say that about in all my years. John was a friend and always willing to help me out especially my first

adventures with my golf cart. It also taught me that John could fix anything and do it cheerfully. I will never drive up or down Penny and look at a mower or other equipment and not think of him. John was truly special.

My condolences and prayers to his family and many loved ones. He will be sorely missed



Jim Kelly - September 01, 2013 at 05:00 PM

MM

“ For 25 years John has devoted himself to Cove Creek Club and its members.
He literally considered the golf course to be his so its members could enjoy its rounds. But he didn't just maintain the course. He serviced many of our properties and equipment such as mowers and golf carts. He even fixed some of our irrigation systems. There was not a piece of equipment or a system he could not fix. He got it done and did it with that beautiful smile and eyes and the wonderful laugh he had. John was an exceptional person with skills and a demeanor many of us wish we had but more than that he was a tireless worker who would go out of his way to make Cove Creek the wonderful place it is. He was a wonderful friend and we thank God for the short time He allowed us to be with him. As we say in Ukrainian when we lose someone we love vishnaya pamyat (eternal memories). We love you John & we will miss you. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.
MaryAnn & Peter Metrinko

MaryAnn & Peter Metrink - September 01, 2013 at 04:59 PM

RD

“ Ruby Dolly lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.



Ruby Dolly - September 01, 2013 at 04:10 PM

MS

“ Two words that describe John best: When I first heard the news I immediately called my wife and told her what had happened. Her first two words were "Sweet John??" and I responded yes "Sweet John". Those two simple words described him perfectly. When you first met John you instantly became a friend and fan of his. I can remember it vividly when I first met him almost 17 years ago here at Cove Creek. John was without a doubt one of the hardest working individuals I have ever met. He always had that great smile on his face, even in difficult times. John worked here "bell to bell ++" for the members of Cove Creek and he did it with complete integrity. A rarity these days. We will miss you dearly!!!! :(

Michael and Melanie Schneck and the five C's

michael schneck - September 01, 2013 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ Circa 1985 John myself and Chris Veto went to our first concert Iron Maiden and Accept at Merryweather post what a great time we had for our first concert together and there was many more to follow!!! Miss you buddy eternally Mike

Michael Branson - September 01, 2013 at 03:23 PM

DL

“ Diane Burton Lewis lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.



Diane Burton Lewis - September 01, 2013 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ As a teacher we cannot remember all our students, but I remember John from 3rd grade. I remember his sweet face and what a joy he was. It breaks my heart to think he is gone and I know his loving family will miss him so very much. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Julia Walters

julia walters - September 01, 2013 at 02:55 PM

RL

“ Our warmest thoughts and prayers go out to John's family. We were devastated to hear of the untimely death of this wonderful guy who was a big part of Cove Creek. Not a day went by that we didn't see him somewhere in Cove Creek, making it the beautiful place it is! Whether you were walking, running or driving, John would always smile and wave. He will be terribly missed by all. Rest in peace John!



*Sincerely,
Roz Laskin & Dave Philipp*

Roz Laskin - September 01, 2013 at 02:51 PM

JE

“ Our prayers go to the Burton Family. We are so saddened by John's passing. He was such a warm, kind, and caring person. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Always ready to help you when it was needed. He will be missed by all that knew him. Peace be with you John.

Jackie and Len Eastman

JACKIE & LEN EASTMAN - September 01, 2013 at 02:16 PM

Danny
Mayes

“ I remember John and I at P-Ways together...Riding together to Sunday meeting, John expressed how much he loved his wife and children. He thanked me for being there for him and I replied, "Keep Coming Back, John".

Danny Mayes - September 01, 2013 at 01:44 PM

MT

“ Melissa Baker Thompson lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.



Melissa Baker Thompson - September 01, 2013 at 12:20 PM

SB

“ Sarah Burke lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.



Sarah Burke - September 01, 2013 at 12:12 PM

CB

“ We are all deeply saddened and with painful hearts. But all of our pain may not add up the the inner pain John must have been going through. If we had only known, any and all of us would have tried to help.

But John was professional enough not to bring his issues to Cove Creek and his friends here.

John would have celebrated his 25th year at Cove Creek this month. We will try our best to not let one day overshadow the over 9,000 days John was with us. He loved it here and the people here. And we loved every minute with him too.

Deepest condolences to all touched by John's life.

Carol and Bob Bateman, Cove Creek, Stevensville Md.

Carol and Bob Bateman - September 01, 2013 at 11:11 AM

AG

“ Rip john..you will be missed

april groh - September 01, 2013 at 08:24 AM



“ Bundle of Support Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of John E. Burton Jr..



August 31, 2013 at 05:47 PM



“ *Deb Langrell lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Deb Langrell - August 31, 2013 at 05:43 PM

CF

“ *John , Thanks for the many smiles . Rest in Peace and watch over us in Cove Creek where you will be truly missed.*

Charlotte Fletcher - August 31, 2013 at 05:37 PM

RJ

“ *My condolences to John's family and friends. What a wonderful young man. During our 20+ years in Cove Creek, John became a true friend who we all will miss greatly. Only last week, John described to me with great pride and happiness the flight that he had taken to Frederick with his son as pilot where they had lunch and then returned home. We will miss him immensely. The blessings of God to family and friends.*

Richard C Jones, Jr

Richard C Jones Jr - August 31, 2013 at 05:28 PM

MD

“ *We will miss John for years to come. Always smiling, always ready to lend a hand, always kind, always here! In our hearts he will be on the golf course forever. John loved Cove Creek and Cove Creek loved him. Our flag flies at half mastour hearts are broken.*

Meredith and Kent Damschroder

Meredith Damschroder - August 31, 2013 at 04:13 PM

BH

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people who loved John and who are grieving. This is a huge loss to all of us. We will not forget his winning smile and helpful, caring attitude. Cove Creek will never be the same.

Barbara & Karl Heissner - September 01, 2013 at 10:38 AM

DC

“ *No one loved the Cove Creek Club more than John. He will always be remembered in the hearts of each member of the community for all he did to make Cove Creek such a beautiful, wonderful place to live.*

We send our thoughts and prayers to his family. We are grateful to have known our friend John and we will miss him.

Barbara and Denny Coffin

Dennis Coffin - August 31, 2013 at 12:54 PM

BO

“ *Candi and I are heart broken at his untimely death and will always remember his kindness and good heart. Our deepest sympathy to his family.*

Bob and Candi Nilsson.

Bob - August 31, 2013 at 12:07 PM

CN

“ *Cee Nation lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.*



Cee Nation - August 31, 2013 at 08:02 AM

BO

“ My husband and I are devastated and heartbroken. We would see John every day and He always greeted us with that great smile. Our prayers go out to his family. He was always so kind and helpful. He will be missed. Our hope is that he will now be at peace.

Bonnie - August 30, 2013 at 10:27 PM

FR

“ I worked with John, and am heartbroken as are all of us that new this kind man. My heart and prayers go out to the family. I will miss that smile and those eyes! Rest in Peace, dear John!
Faye Rexrode

Faye Rexrode - August 30, 2013 at 10:00 PM



“ Prayers his family and to his dear Mom! I just don't have the words to express how heartbroken I am for everyone!

Michelle Conneely - August 30, 2013 at 07:33 PM

MR

“ Melissa Rousseau lit a candle in memory of John E. Burton Jr.




Melissa Rousseau - August 30, 2013 at 07:28 PM

NW

“ *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. My dear, dear friend I hold you very close to my heart during this difficult time. Love to you and your family.*

Nancy Womack

Nancy Womack - August 30, 2013 at 06:54 PM

 Nancy Groh

“ *I wish to send my prayers your way. I am so sorry for your loss. I know what you are going through . I lost my husband almost nine months ago and my firstborn, Jim, just 2 months ago. We should not have to bury our children first. Just remember all the good times you had together . He is at peace.*



Nancy Groh - August 30, 2013 at 06:51 PM

FE

“ *I know this is a difficult time for your family and I hope during a quiet moment you find solace in the reassurance that is found in the bible at Revelation 21:4; it says: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more...the former things have passed away. Please visit www.jw.org*

Felicia - August 30, 2013 at 04:04 PM

MG

lit a candle to remember your loved one. remembering John. keep the good memories alive in your heart. I am so sorry for your lose.

Marsha Greaves Gibson

Marsha Greaves Gibson - August 31, 2013 at 08:23 AM