

Cecil Gary Burgess

July 26, 1945 - August 5, 2023

After struggling with several recent illnesses, Cecil Gary Burgess joined his beloved wife of 52 years, Joyce Blair Burgess, in the Church Triumphant on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

He was born on July 26, 1945, in the Dunean section of Greenville to the late Bertha Mae Davis Burgess and James Lawrence Burgess, Sr.

He spent most of his adult life working in the structural steel business and was the owner of B & B Miscellaneous Fabricators for 35 years until his retirement. He was proud to have been a member of the 1963 graduating class of Parker High School where he was a member of the band and met his future wife. In addition to his support of Parker High, he was an avid fan of Furman University's football team. Until failing health made it impossible, he and Joyce seldom missed a game, home or away. He also loved playing golf on senior day at Lakeview Golf Course and missed the comradery when his playing days were over.

More than any sport or hobby, Cecil loved his family and always looked forward to sharing a meal or having a visit from children and grandchildren.

He is survived by sons Gary Burgess and wife Kristen of Greenville, SC; Darren Burgess of Austin, TX; and daughter Erin Oliver and husband Chris of Simpsonville, SC; granddaughters, Cayce and Carey Burgess and Ellison Oliver; grandsons, Nathan and Jeremy Burgess and Aiden Oliver.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters, James Lawrence Burgess, Jr., Benjamin Broadus Burgess, Carl Edward Burgess, Ronald Ray

Burgess, one infant brother, Mattie Lee Burgess, Ola Mae Burgess, and Janie Ethel Burgess.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 11, 2023, at The Howze Mortuary from 1pm until 2:30pm with the funeral service immediately afterward in the Howze Mortuary Chapel. Entombment will follow at Mountain View Memorial Park. The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society 113 Mills Ave. Greenville, SC 29605 or the American Heart Association 156 Milestone Way, Suite A. Greenville, SC 29615.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

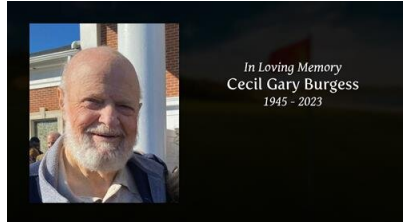
AUG 11. 2:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd.
Travelers Rest
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Cecil Gary Burgess*



The Howze Mortuary - August 07, 2023 at 02:52 PM

JJ

I remember Cecil from Jr High age. We would go to the Boys Club. He became good friends with me and my cousins Doug Fleming who has deceased Thank the Lord we've all have a relationship with Jesus our Lord and Savior. Cecil I will see you there and I'm thankful that many of our Parker 63 class mates know Christ as Savior for it is the greatest joy in life.

*Blessings
.John Weston Jr
Denver, CO*

John H Weston Jr - August 08, 2023 at 02:02 AM

JM

Cecil was a wonderful person always helping with our class reunions any way he could. He was a friend to all. He will be missed. Nerissa Moore Myers Parker High Class 1963

Judith Nerissa Moore Myers - August 08, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MH

I remember Cecil from the years of playing golf with him at Lakeview Golf Course. I think we probably were were in the same Foursome close to 100 times over years we played there. Cecil was not only a good golfer he was a better story teller. With his sense of humor and joke telling gift, he was always a pleasure to spend a four hour session of golf with. I know he is now spending many hours on that great golf green in the sky. We'll miss you Cecil!!

Mel Holt - August 08, 2023 at 07:08 PM

MA

Cecil was the best boss that I ever had. He loved his employees. ..

Mark Abercrombie - April 04, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *I just learned of Cecils passing. He coached me in the Monaview youth league in the early 70's. We were a good team but the biggest takeaway as a youngster was Cecils sportsmanship. RIP Cecil*

Michael Wyatt - November 26, 2023 at 07:35 PM

HW

“ *Mr. Burgess was a great one, for sure. He made a positive impact on many people throughout his life. He also helped raise three wonderful children (now three wonderful adults), with whom I had the great pleasure of basically growing up with. Prayers and love to this wonderful family.*

Hal & Mary Wilson

Hal Wilson - August 11, 2023 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ Erin, Gary and Darren, we will be thinking of you all as you lay your Dad to rest. I so wish we could be there, but unfortunately health reasons, keep us away. Our time with him brings memories that we will forever cherish and carry in our hearts. May the loving arms of Jesus surround you all and bring you peace. Love to you all, Sue, Roy and Rainer.

Susan Cooke - August 11, 2023 at 12:02 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cecil Gary Burgess.



August 10, 2023 at 06:45 PM



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August 10, 2023 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ Cecil -Was a good friend for many years. We worked together at Metromont for a few years. We played some golf and coached some little league football & basketball together. In all of our time together, I never saw Cecil get mad about anything. He was always such a patient guy.
My sincerest condolences to his family in the days and weeks ahead.

Don Brown - August 09, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Cecil Gary Burgess.



August 09, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cecil Gary Burgess.

August 09, 2023 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ Cecil and I were childhood friends ,attended Hilltop ave Baptist Church as kids. Joe Frazier class of PHS 1963. Cecil was always a good friend to me. Joe Frazier

Joe Frazier - August 09, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JR

“ Joe Angela Rector lit a candle in memory of Cecil Burgess



Joe and Angela Rector - August 08, 2023 at 05:53 PM

LC

“ Love, Matthew Mason and Timbre Cruz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cecil Gary Burgess.



Love, Matthew Mason and Timbre Cruz - August 08, 2023 at 05:18 PM

LB

“ Love, Matt and Kimberly (Mom) Bollinger purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Cecil Gary Burgess.



Love, Matt and Kimberly (Mom) Bollinger - August 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM

LR

“ We met Cecil at Hardee’s in Berea and would always talk to him . He was always smiling and was such a nice guy. We haven’t been to Hardee’s so did not know that he had been sick. I am so sorry for your loss but he is with his sweetheart and our Lord and he’s not in any pain. I will be praying for your family and the video says it all. Y’all had a happy family and we will see him again someday. 🙏🙏
Linda Roberts and Lloyd Ballew.

Linda Roberts - August 07, 2023 at 09:47 PM