



Brendan Michael Burton

November 2, 1997 - February 24, 2024

BURTON, Brendan. February 24, 2024. Age 26. Beloved son of Darren and Kari Burton. Loving brother of Elijah and Tyler. Cherished grandson of Janet (Robert) Reynolds, Barbara (Arthur) Deschner, Christine (late Pete) Porta and Susan (late Dennis) Burton. Survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Our wonderful musician, entertainer, and comedian son's light was tragically extinguished suddenly and way too soon. His passion was music but he was an electrician by trade, a people magnet and loved by many. He coined the phrase, "Russell Island, the perfect place to be", all he touched will cherish the memories built there, and everywhere he went. Visitation Friday March 1st, 3-9pm with a 7pm Funeral Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. 36900 Schoenherr Rd. at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NH

“ Hey Brendan, just thinking of you on this cold day it's crazy to witness how much time has passed. Miss you much until we meet again<3

Nae H - November 12, 2025 at 09:12 PM

JP

“ You are and will always be my #6 son. You were a part of our family and Your smile and your laugh will never fade from my memory. We all were so lucky to have you in our lives..💜🖤

Joelle Petrucci - March 02, 2024 at 08:39 PM

EL

“ Erica And Chelsea Lord lit a candle in memory of Brendan Michael Burton



Erica and Chelsea Lord - March 01, 2024 at 08:19 PM

AJ

“ Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Brendan Michael Burton



Ann Johnson - March 01, 2024 at 08:18 PM

CK

“ Brendan, from protecting you from angry customers at McDonald's to yelling at you to stop goofing around and get back to work. It hurts my heart and soul to know you will not be here to crack another joke or recite any witty phrases. I couldn't believe the news that you were not with us anymore. You were a great person and even though I have not spoken to you in many years your memory lives on forever within me. Rest in peace my friend



Crystal Kijorski - March 01, 2024 at 05:25 PM

DK

“ Dianne Krueger lit a candle in memory of Brendan Michael Burton



Dianne Krueger - March 01, 2024 at 12:53 PM

KF

“ Kent and Dianne Krueger and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.



Kent and Dianne Krueger and family - March 01, 2024 at 12:37 PM

LC

“ Dear Kari and Darren,
I am so sorry to hear about your son.
Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the
funeral, but my ❤️ and prayers go out to you
and your family during this time.
Sincerely,
Lisa Cook-Scarantino



Lisa Cook-Scarantino - March 01, 2024 at 10:09 AM

JL

Dearest Darren and Kari and the whole Burton family, my heart and
thoughts are with you today
So sorry I can't be there
I love you all. Praying for you all.

Jill lutzeier - March 01, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of
Brendan Michael Burton.



March 01, 2024 at 08:38 AM

WE

“ We love you, Myles, Pam, Myles, & Emily
purchased the Celestial Love for the family of
Brendan Michael Burton.



We love you, Myles, Pam, Myles, & Emily - February 29, 2024
at 11:33 PM

KE

“ Dear Kari and Darren, we are saddened to hear of the passing of Brendan. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Kim and Emil Holka

Kim and Emil - February 29, 2024 at 09:48 PM

EM

“ Emil M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brendan Michael Burton.

Emil M. - February 29, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.



February 29, 2024 at 02:53 PM

RS

“ We wish we knew the perfect thing to say to make it all better, but those words don't exist, so instead, we'll be praying for you and your loved ones as you struggle with this immense loss.

Rob and Janice Smith - February 29, 2024 at 01:50 PM

TF

“ *The Traister Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.*



The Traister Family - February 29, 2024 at 01:33 PM

TF

“ *The Traister Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brendan Michael Burton.*

The Traister Family - February 29, 2024 at 01:33 PM

NH

“ Writing this feels so surreal but it’s almost like talking to you. Brendan where do I start I’ve known you for the last 10 years of my life we went from teenagers to adults. To know you is to love you and even that is an understatement. Rather it was school, work, hanging out in our personal lives or a simple conversation on Snapchat all of those are now memories of you that I’ll be left with to replay of you and I’m forever grateful for that. My favorite memories are definitely our Mc Donald duet days I wish we could’ve put the band back together for a grand finale. You are truly 1 of 1 and anyone who got to experience a part of your life experienced having a true angel on earth. You left an impact in the world that everyone can not do. You filled lives with ever lasting smiles. The tears fall hard thinking of you and writing this for I know you are FREE now, more free than you have ever been but Im gone miss you down here man. I know your soul is still here in every breath of wind, every rain drop and every song I hear.
For no matter how quiet your tune gets,
As the years go on and time passes,
Even if it fades out to a gentle hum,
The echo of your melody will continue to guide
So, although you aren’t here to sing it,
The beat of your song will continue in our hearts.
Its steady rhythm will keep us on track.
And now every time I hear a songbird’s song, I will think of you, and I will sing back.

Nae Horton - February 29, 2024 at 08:50 AM

FF

“ Frank Aiello and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.



Frank Aiello and Family - February 28, 2024 at 08:15 PM

KW

“ Karen and Keith Watson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.



Karen and Keith Watson - February 28, 2024 at 06:57 PM

CG

“ Grieving the loss of a family member is a process, it begins the day they go home to be with Jesus and ends the day that they join them. Brendan was given a beautiful gift that he probably did not even realize because it was just him. I believe that Brendan was one of those that left a footprint on the hearts of every one that met him. We could use thousands and thousands of people like Brendan on this earth. I like so many others are grateful for the time I worked with him at McDonald's. I watched Brendan grow in confidence from his teen to adult years. I found him to be very kind, thoughtful and someone who found a way to show the love of Jesus to everyone, knowingly or unknowingly. From the outside looking in I will never understand and from the inside looking out you will never be able to explain. When remembering Brendan I will think of him and how he lived his life. To him life was a song and he sang it. Life was a game and he played it. Life was a challenge and he met it. Life was a dream and he lived it. Brendan was no one who sat on the sidelines instead he got in the game of life. Brendan loved life and it loved him right back. Brendan's amazing spirit made him shine like a beacon of light. Brendan has touched my very being and I will remember him until I see him again. As believers, which Brendan was, we are just walking each other home. Brendan is home and the rest of us are just traveling through this world. Praying for his family and all that were blessed to know him.

Cindy Gibson - February 28, 2024 at 05:49 PM

RD

“ Renee D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brendan Michael Burton.

Renee D. - February 28, 2024 at 05:06 PM

AT

“ Allan Taylor purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.



Allan Taylor - February 28, 2024 at 04:16 PM

KN

“ Kimberly N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brendan Michael Burton.

Kimberly N. - February 28, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.



February 28, 2024 at 02:23 PM

SR

“ Scott, Krista, Kyle, Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brendan Michael Burton.

Scott, Krista, Kyle, Ryan - February 28, 2024 at 02:23 PM

SM

“ Shannon Myny lit a candle in memory of Brendan Michael Burton



Shannon Myny - February 28, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MB

“ Merrilee Barkoff lit a candle in memory of Brendan Michael Burton



Merrilee Barkoff - February 28, 2024 at 07:15 AM

SF

“ I was Brendan’s manager at McDonald’s. That young man brought so much joy and entertainment to a chaotic work day. I would love seeing him dance and enjoy life... every day. He truly was an amazing person. My heart is completely shattered as I saw Brendan as one of “my kids”. You’ll be greatly missed.

Keep dancing in the sky ❤️

Shelby Fountain - February 28, 2024 at 06:44 AM



“ *so sorry for your loss*

Daisey Mitchell - February 28, 2024 at 04:13 AM

SF

“ *Sierengowski and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.*



Sierengowski and Family - February 27, 2024 at 11:10 PM

SM

“ *Steve Melling lit a candle in memory of Brendan Michael Burton*



steve melling - February 27, 2024 at 09:03 PM

SM

*It was 2019 . I was the activity director at a assisted living facility in Clarkston Michigan.
I had planned a "Senior Prom" for the residents . The dates for the seniors was supposed to be the Mational Honor Society students from a local high school. I for get what happened but the honor society couldn't do the event and I was in a pickle for what to do.
I called up a longtime friend of mine who kids circle of friends included Brendan .
They all showed up that night for the event. Brendan was all dressed up like he was at his own senior prom. I think he was 21 at the time.
He danced with all the old ladies and made them all feel special.
Even though music we were dancing and singing along to was from an era before he and all his friends were born, we all had a great time and it was a really magical evening that I will always remember.
That night was representative of the kind of energy and enthusiasm he brought to the table.
He will be missed and we will speak his name to remember him eternally young and full of life💚*

steve melling - February 27, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SH

“ *Brendan was a very kind and respectful young man! Definitely, taken to early from this world. Dan an I are heartbroken for your loss! Praying your memories and time will bring you some peace!*



Dan & Starr Hickey

Starr Hickey - February 27, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SB

“ I will never forget the first time Grandpa Dennis and I came to see our perfect grandson. He was gorgeous and was smiling. Brendan even grabbed my finger with his. Grandpa just knew he would play and love music as he did. It was a loving and proud time that will never be forgotten. The love that was so apparent from both Darren and Kari is also a memory that will stay with me forever. May he RIP. May you play your music in heaven with Grandpa. You will remain in my heart and soul. G-Ma Sue

Susan Burton - February 27, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brendan Michael Burton.

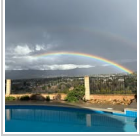


February 27, 2024 at 04:35 PM

BD

“ My amazing wonderful grandson was taken from us .. the pain of this loss is overwhelming. He was so loved . I am so grateful for the time we had together. Our special walks on the island and our Ravis breakfast. He was smart, talented , and so darn cute . So very special to me . He will live in my heart forever ❤️
Jesus welcomed him to heaven waiting with open arms . I love you Brendan .. your Mema ❤️❤️❤️

Barbara Deschner - February 27, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Brendan was a wonderful & unique soul. His smile & talent was obvious and his love for his family & friends was obvious. He enjoyed Russell Islands “lost in time” feel and his love for the guitar & music was contagious. I will miss our deep conversations about spiritual things as well as natural things. I believe that his soul is now with Jesus and his eternal journey has just begun. See you in heaven one day my young friend 🙏💙*

Daniel Grattan - February 27, 2024 at 04:01 PM

CB

On Friday early am your mom and I were talking all about you! She was sharing how proud of you she was and is of you. I pray for God to give them strength during this must difficult time. May Jesus keep them close.

Catherine Bercel - February 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM

LA

Words can't express the sincere sadness I feel for your loss. Your son was obviously a light in this world. Wishing your family healing and strength.

Lori Adair - February 27, 2024 at 04:36 PM

HP

My heart is so heavy with sadness. Brendan was such a good friend to Dougie (Kari and I was neighbors when the boys was growing up) I will continue to pray for comfort for the family and all his friends.

Heather Painter - February 27, 2024 at 11:32 PM