



## James L. Burnett

May 24, 1949 - July 4, 2022

Burnett, James L. "Jim", July 4, 2022 age 73 of Plymouth. Beloved Dad of Heather Wallace. Proud Papa of Michael and Katherine Wallace. Dear brother of Michael Burnett, and Barbara Burnett. Visitation Monday, July 11th 10:30 AM until the Monday 1 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

680 Plymouth Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Burnett*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *There are so many cherished memories of Jim over the 56 years that we knew each other. From the high school football years to the multitude of activities and interests that we shared together. The family weddings, graduations, birthdays and the numerous trips to cities like Toronto, Boston, New York, Cleveland and other locations. He was the best man at our wedding and the godfather of our son Ryan. Jim was also an avid supporter of Ryan's hockey career, from the early years right through to the professional level. He was also a dear friend to our father and encouraged him through his health burdened final years. Jim was deeply devoted to his daughter Heather, his grandchildren, and other family members. He was generous with his time and most considerate of others and their goodwill. A lifelong New York Yankee fan and a dynamo in the gym, often bench pressing 2 or 3 times his body weight. He possessed in energy level equal to many several years his junior. Jim was a great cook and a mechanical expert. In short, there were a few tasks that he couldn't accomplish. It is never easy to say goodbye to a lifelong friend, but we are comforted in remembering the good times and his good heart in nature while he was on this earth. Rest in peace good friend.*

*John and Maureen Maki and family*

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**John Maki** - July 11, 2022 at 11:05 AM

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“ I have so many happy memories of growing up with Jim in my life. My father and him met in high school over 50 years ago and became lifelong friends. Sharing a passion for sports & working out - Jim became a part of our family, even visiting us when we moved around the country for my dad's work when I was a child. He was my godfather and would take me on trips for my hockey tournaments when I was young which were some of the happiest memories I have of growing up. We probably visited Toronto (one of his favorites) half a dozen times - Jim making a point to take me to his favorite pizza place called "the Big Slice" where the piece of pizza was essentially an entire pie. Jim always made a point to go out of his way to remain an important part of my life - never forgetting events as insignificant as a birthday or wedding anniversary. He was a truly phenomenal guy - a major role model for me and he will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers for him & his family.

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**Ryan Maki** - July 11, 2022 at 08:45 AM

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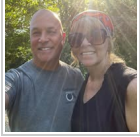
“ I met Jim about 10 years ago at L.A. Fitness. Being a Yankee fan my entire life and seeing him wearing his ever present Yankee cap we had plenty in common to discuss. He told me several stories throughout the years. He was very proud to have brought Michael to his first Yankee game. He told me as they approached the field, Michael shouted “Baseball, Ankees”. What a great moment for them both, he told me he was teaching Michael about Royalty in baseball. We supported each other in our battles with the Tiger fans, although Jim didn’t need much help in that department. I met up with him a couple times at Tiger/Yankee games at Comerica Park, one where he introduced me to little Michael.

Jim planned a trip with a friend to see a Yankee game in N.Y. years ago and when the trip was cancelled, he brought the tickets to me and said to give them to my son who Jim knew was living in N.Y. at the time. He told me how he went to Babe Ruth’s grave with a couple cans of beer, one for each of them. Only person I ever met that had a beer with “The Babe”

I’ll miss him and his stories.

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**Nick** - July 10, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ My daughter Izzy met Jim while working at Dunkin in Plymouth three years ago. He was always so kind to her. They talked about sports. Jim a big Yankees fan and Izzy a Lakers fan. Jim was always so encouraging to Izzy. He even came to her soccer games and sat in the pouring rain to watch her play. He was a special person in her life during a critical time. Always very encouraging, positive, kind, caring and giving. Izzy was so broken-hearted by the news of Jim’s passing but she is thankful they recently met up on Jim’s birthday and Jim gave Izzy Cavaliers jersey because he knew she was a big LeBron James fan. They exchanged text messages on June 28 and Izzy told Jim how much his friendship meant to her. His kindness touched a lot of people. Our thoughts and prayers are with with Jim’s family and all who knew and loved him. ☐🏈



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**Joy Karpinski** - July 10, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ Jim was my best friend and best man at our wedding. But I know many can say he was a best friend because of the qualities and guidance he instilled in me/others. A piece of Jim is engrained in me and I am a better person for it. Will miss you dearly. Dan Mitoraj

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**Dan Mitoraj** - July 10, 2022 at 10:15 AM

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“ *With Love, Laurie and Ed Zabrosky purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James L. Burnett.*



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**With Love, Laurie and Ed Zabrosky** - July 10, 2022 at 10:01 AM

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“ *Jim was a very kind and generous person. Knew Jim from Einstein Bagel and McDonald's. Enjoyed our many conversations as Jim was easy to talk with and knowledgeable about many topics. I will miss our freindship.*

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**Glenn Ratkewicz** - July 09, 2022 at 01:36 PM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Joyner purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James L. Burnett.*



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**Carolyn Joyner** - July 09, 2022 at 12:53 PM

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“ *Your brother Mickey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James L. Burnett.*



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**Your brother Mickey** - July 08, 2022 at 05:58 PM