



Mr. Dennis Burnett Esq.

March 18, 1950 - May 26, 2020

The tall cypress in the forest, our son, brother, father and friend ~ Dennis, was born in Detroit to John and Marion Burnett on March 18, 1950. He was proud to say he was the “prima gente”, their first born. The oldest of four siblings. Relatives say that Dennis was named after “Dennis Day”, the radio, TV singer and actor, because his dad really thought that Dennis Day was such a smart and talented man. What a start for Dennis Burnett! He was encouraged by his parents who believed in his bright and ravenous mind to work hard in school. His father worked two jobs to make sure his family had what they needed. His mother was devoted to the raising of her family always giving her best to provide a nurturing home environment for her family. Commitment and hard work were the foundation of the Burnett household. Tall trees come from rich soil. He was educated at Caroline Crossman Detroit Public School. In junior high he attended St. Agnes School. He continued on for high school to Cathedral High where he became a successful basketball lead player known by his teammates as “spider man.” He had a love for cars, education, basketball and tennis. He moved on to graduate from the University of Detroit (later named U of D Mercy) with a major in physics. He continued on to Wayne State graduating with his Juris Doctorate. He was married and to this union 3 sons were born. He worked for over 30 years as counsel for the City of Detroit Law Department. He also worked as a mediator for The Detroit Auto Club. Spiritually Dennis grew up serving as an alter boy

and later on as a member of the parish council at Gesu church. He continued participating in his worship experience until his health kept him from attending. No matter how difficult his health challenges Dennis courageously fought for a place on the "corner of happy and healthy." Very early on the morning of Tuesday May 26 Dennis left the good fight behind and walked through the gates of eternal life. He leaves to mourn his passing his sons: Christian, Ryan (Caitlin), and Matthew. Grandchildren: Zadie and Fredrick. His beloved mother Marion, sister Cynthia, brother John (Judy), nephews Josh, Shane, and Jennifer along with a host of cousins, family and friends.

Please encourage the family with an everlasting note of condolence on our Tribute Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Dennis Burnett Esq.*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 28, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Dennis Burnett Esq.*



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“ *Tom Ellis I met Dennis when we both were members at Beverly Hills Tennis Club. Dennis would show up with his basket of balls to hit and allow me to hit tennis with him. He was a man of few words but always friendly to be around and practice serving or hitting groundstrokes.*

Thomas L Ellis - January 05, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *Mr. Dennis Burnett Esq.*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Mr. Dennis Burnett Esq.*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Dear Family: I have such fond memories of my cousin Dennis. Our parents visited each other often. The Burnett cousins had great fun ripping and running throughout the houses and in the back yards, picnics, road trips to Niagara Falls/Buffalo and Uncle Bub barbecuing for the family on Russell St. As adults we grew apart, but it's not to late. Let's do a better job of keeping in touch. Family, you have my deepest condolences. May God's perfect peace sustain you. I love you, cousin Julia Burnett Collins (Judy).*

julia Collins - May 28, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ *Words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that I feel for the passing of your father. Please accept my sincere condolences. I am here if you need anything. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Venicia Ferrell

Venicia Ferrell - May 28, 2020 at 06:57 PM



MA

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



matthew - May 28, 2020 at 04:48 PM

RO

Dennis looks a lot like my dad Robert Burnett.

Rosie - May 28, 2020 at 06:49 PM

BB

I had the pleasure of working with Dennis at the City of Detroit Law Dept for many years. He was a dedicated employee who gave his best for the City he loved so dearly. My heartfelt condolences to his family during this difficult time. Please find comfort in the fact that he was appreciated and admired by many during his tenure with the City. May God grant you peace, Brenda Braceful

Brenda Braceful - June 23, 2020 at 03:48 PM

RB

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Ryan Burnett - May 28, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ My deepest condolences, I know all too well what you guys are going through. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. We can take comfort that uncle Dennis is with his dad, his brother, and his nephew watching over us. I love you all, Jennifer Montgomery



Jennifer Montgomery - May 28, 2020 at 03:58 PM

RB

“ More than anything else, I will remember my father as a truly kind, patient, and loving father. He taught me how to think, reason, and make sound decisions. But if any of those skills failed me, I always knew he would be there to help get me back on my feet.
-Ryan Burnett

Ryan Burnett - May 28, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ Sending my condolences. Sorry that we did not become close as cousins should be. Cousin Carolyn

Çarolyn Burnett-Johnson - May 28, 2020 at 01:55 PM

RR

I send my deepest sympathy to all of the immediate family of my cousin Dennis. I know that it has to be very hard losing him so soon. I pray that all of the family heal from the pain of his lost, and find comfort knowing that the God of All Comfort will be there for you to lean on. May his soul rest in peace. Robin

Robin Radford - May 28, 2020 at 04:18 PM

JB

“ Dearest Dennis - You were more than a brother, you were a best friend, a confidant, and our inspiration. You never backed away from adversity and never showed fear. You cared deeply about your family, especially your mother, children and grandchildren children. We celebrated the happy times together and stood strong during adversity. When you smiled, you lit up our hearts. May that light always shine.
John, Judy, Josh and Shane



J. Burnett - May 28, 2020 at 12:49 PM

VH

*Dear Family- We are so sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences. Our hearts go out to the family during these difficult times. May the God of Comfort give you Hope and Peace. Also may God soothe your hearts and minds. Continue to endure these trying times. These are promising hope that's found in God Word.Rev 21:3,4 Y'all are in our prayers.
Love, agape. Your Cousin
Venice Burnett Harris*

Venice Harris - May 28, 2020 at 03:41 PM