



## William Franklin Burgess

November 27, 1937 - February 1, 2026

Mr. William Burgess made his transition on February 1, 2026. Please take a moment to leave comforting words for his family.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

FEB 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (est)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestreamed Funeral Service in memory of William Franklin Burgess*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 14 at 10:06 AM

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“ *Mr Bill was one of kind didn't judge anyone he will be greatly missed*

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**Chad veenstra** - February 13 at 08:30 PM

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“ *Bill aka PeePaw was one of the greatest men I have ever known. My niece is his granddaughter but he raised her like she was his daughter. He instilled all the good that is in her and made sure she was taken care of and loved so much. I will be forever grateful to him especially after Kylie lost her Daddy my brother at 11 years old. PeePaw was one of a kind he will be truly missed and forever in our hearts. The Burgess family is in my thoughts and prayers especially my niece who has lost not one but two father's now. I love you Kylie PeePaw will always be with you. You now have two guardian Angels looking over you.*

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**Rebecca Veenstra** - February 06 at 10:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Franklin Burgess.*



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February 06 at 03:16 PM



“ *Bill Was My Smokey Robinson of the Family! Loved him from Day one! May he rest in Peace( return if Possible) my true meaning of R.I.P❤️🙏🏻🙏🏻 God's Comfort For The Family sincerely your New York Family! Denise Bryant.*

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**Denise Bryant** - February 05 at 11:38 PM

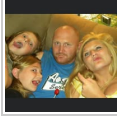


“ *I will always deeply appreciate Mr. Burgess' pure, authentic smile and loving energy. His support reached beyond his own children. I was one of the many kids that he made a positive foundational impact on.*

*I have many core memories from our countless carpools in that old two-tone brown thunderbird... Mr. Burgess reminding us to be humble and grateful with stories like getting only a fresh orange for Christmas. Period. He was so steady and committed as a father and in his work of stabilizing and supporting young lives. Of course, getting back to his smile - so warm and pure - simply lit up whatever space he was in.*

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**Stephen Hempel** - February 05 at 04:04 PM



*He was the FIRST EVER non family member to see my potential and let me know and encourage me to no end and I will ALWAYS be grateful for that, because his enthusiasm led me to my oldest and dearest friend. You be forever remembered and missed. God you and the entire Burgess family*

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**Michael Bolling** - February 05 at 05:50 PM



*Mr burgess was a man you could trust always he was a humble man and very wise he was somebody you could count always welcoming you into his home I wished I could have seen him one more time to thank him for taking good care of my niece Kylie burgess this is hitting her so hard that is why im praying to god to help her through this and guide her I love her alot she is my family I am praying for the whole burgess family mr burgess will be deeply missed your family is in my thoughts*

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**Chad veenstra** - February 13 at 07:16 PM



*Mr burgess never judged anyone he was a good man that loved everbody*

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**Chad veenstra** - February 13 at 07:18 PM