



Mr. Donald Ray Burks II

July 4, 1984 - December 29, 2015

BURKS II, Mr. Donald Ray - Age 31, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 8, 2016 at International Inspirational Gospel Ministries (formerly know as 3:16), 2901 Brown Street, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Donald Stevens officiating. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 a.m. Friday. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Mr. Burks will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday.

On July 4, 1984, while everyone anxiously awaited a fireworks show, the world was blessed with Donald Ray Burks II. In true Donald fashion, he waited to come into the world on one of the most celebrated days of the year and we should have known then to expect spectacular things from him. He was born to Joann (White) Burks and Donald Burks Sr. He was affectionately known as June, Don, Duck or Dirty too many, but surely loved by all that knew him. After the passing of his father, Donald was raised by his mother Joann and big sister Bridget. They became the three musketeers and a team that worked through everything together.

Donald was born in Lansing, MI and grew up in Grand Blanc, MI, and attended Grand Blanc High School where he graduated in 2002. During his

time at Grand Blanc High School, he made many lasting friendships, even friends that eventually became family. Grand Blanc High School was also his older sister Bridget's alma mater and he became friends with several of her friends and their younger siblings. Donald and Bridget were often inseparable. Chances are if you knew one of them, you knew the other, or at least knew of them. The two had a very special bond that will continue on forever.

In 2007, Donald was diagnosed with kidney failure. Not surprisingly, his sister Bridget donated a kidney to him, which strengthened their already unbreakable bond. Unfortunately, his donated kidney failed him and he had to continue on with dialysis treatments. His treatments limited him in the things he was able to do and slightly altered his appearance. Through all of this, Donald rarely complained, but deep down just yearned to just be "normal." He fought his illness with all of the strength and determination he possibly could and kept a smile on his face all while doing it. His memory will live on in all of our hearts and he will be remembered as a hero to those who loved him. He was known for acts of selflessness and wisdom far beyond his years. Rather than worrying about himself, Donald was more concerned about how his illness may impact his family and friends. Though we all feel his time here was too short, he made a lasting impact on many of us.

Donald loved music, bowling, going out on the lake, tailgating at U of M games, and most of all spending time with family and friends. He was often the life of the party and kept everyone laughing. He had an infectious spirit and contagious smile. If you had the pleasure of knowing him, I am sure you can agree that he was one of the most genuine people you have ever known. He would without question give someone the shirt off of his back, regardless of what was going on in his own world. Despite anything personal going on, Donald believed in living life to the fullest and did exactly that. We have lost a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend. Sprint Wireless lost a valuable employee and Little Caesars and Halo Burger a loyal customer. He

was the kind of young man that anyone would be proud to know and he leaves behind shoes to fill that most of us could not fill on our best day.

On December 29th, 2015, after a long, but courageously fought battle with kidney failure, Donald left this earth to rest peacefully in Heaven. When you think of Donald, please do not be sad - he fulfilled his purpose here and is no longer in pain. Remember him for his love of life, his love for those around him and his faith in God. Celebrate him in your memories and continue to tell stories about him and live as he would want us to and as he did... to the fullest. He was an extraordinary young man and truly one of the greats and his spirit will live on through all of us. After all, the most beautiful things in life never last as long we would like: roses, snow and even fireworks. He may be gone from our sight, but his memory shall remain eternally. Life is like fireworks, you can either both close your eyes and be afraid, or you can open them and enjoy the view. Rest easy Donald and enjoy the view!!

Mr. Donald Ray Burks II is survived by: mother, Joann Burks; grandfather, Ruben Burks of Flint; sister, Bridget Burks of Davison, MI; 6 aunts, Beverly Burks and Debbie (Lionel) Bell, both of Grand Blanc, MI, Jeffie (Willie) Johnson of Houston, TX, Betty White of Flint, Cookie Carter of Fort Wayne, IN and Mary Cox of Frisco, TX; 8 uncles, Michael (Rose), Gary and Joseph White, Clifford (Barbara) Burks, and Dr. Michael Young, all of Flint, Dr. Larry (Carol) Young of Grand Blanc, MI, Gary Burks of Los Angeles, CA, and Aaron (Sheila) White of Orlando, FL; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Burks was preceded in death by his father, Donald R. Burks, Sr.; brother, Dondrick; grandparents, Henry & Willie (Granny) White and Mattie (Dear-Dear) Burks; aunt, Cynthia Burks; uncles, Henry (Junebug) White Jr., Donald White and Richard Burks.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Osama and Dr. Khan at

Hurley Medical Center and the staff at DaVita Flint Dialysis Center with special thanks to extended families: the Samuels, Spottsville, and Stevens families.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

International Inspirational Gospel Ministries
2901 Brown Street
Flint, MI 48503

Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



Pam Williams - January 21, 2016 at 12:10 AM



“ *On behalf of Lela and Mary. We are praying for your family at this sorrowful time. May God continue to be your strength. Lela and Mary*



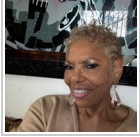
Lela McGee Harvey - January 10, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ *Kim Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



kim Washington - January 10, 2016 at 01:38 AM



“ *Cassandra Williams Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



Cassandra Williams Burks - January 07, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. K. Morea and B. Foreman*



Kim Morea - January 07, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ *Charity Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



charity mitchell - January 06, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ *Charity Mitchell (mosley) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



charity mitchell (mosley) - January 06, 2016 at 09:10 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Starling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



Sandra starling - January 06, 2016 at 12:21 PM

VD

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Victoria Durnell - January 06, 2016 at 11:22 AM

CL

“ *Clifford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



Clifford - January 05, 2016 at 07:14 PM

CL

Joann and Bridget; I love you both. God has spoken and June is now safe in the arms of Jesus. I know your pain so just trust God. He's gonna wipe every tear, comfort your heart and give you joy unspeakable! We will see June again! Love Ya!

Clifford - January 05, 2016 at 07:21 PM

LA

“ Lee Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II



Lee Anderson - January 05, 2016 at 01:55 AM

LA

His smile always made my day when I saw him at Rite-Aid in Davison. I admired his gentle spirit and outlook on life. He will be missed. And to his Mom, you raised a wonderful man. I am so sorry he left so soon. You are in my thoughts.

Lee Anderson - January 05, 2016 at 02:01 AM



“ Tyrone Robbins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II



Tyrone Robbins - January 04, 2016 at 09:03 AM

TB

“ Tamara Britt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II



Tamara Britt - January 03, 2016 at 10:04 PM

JS

“ *Javaris Burks Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



Javaris Burks Sr - January 03, 2016 at 09:31 PM

VP

“ *Donald, or June as his Momma lovingly called him, was a GREAT brother, son and nephew. He had a smile that would make you laugh. God chose to call him home with him and it hurts but, he is not alone. He has Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Junebug and Uncle Donald who were waiting for him. He now resides in the MANSION that God promised us. Donald, your body has been through a lot and now you can rest. REST IN HEAVEN DONALD*

Vera "Julie" Perry - January 03, 2016 at 09:17 PM

JK

“ *Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II*



Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey - January 03, 2016 at 08:39 PM

MC

“ *Sending prayers to the Burks family my God give you strength in this time of Need. I met you last year for first time at aunt Bev's I remember your smiling face with laughter and those eyes!*

Montoya curry - January 03, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II.



January 03, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ Derek Berry-Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II



Derek Berry-Burks - January 03, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ Rest up lil cousin till I see you again..

Derek Berry-Burks



Derek Berry-Burks - January 03, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ Lord give us Strength as we grieve the loss of June He was my #1. I am missing him so much. But I know that he is in a better place with other family members that's has passed on. Love u y'all so much family. RIH Donald/ June!!!!



Chiquita, Timothy, Jade,Mai'Loni and Mad - January 01, 2016 at 01:25 PM

AP

“ Alvin & Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II



Alvin & Doretha Phillips - December 31, 2015 at 04:52 PM

Senica Asher

“ Love you friend <3



Senica Asher - December 31, 2015 at 10:07 AM

TB

“ God, your grace and mercy is sufficient for us. We ask that you guide and heal us during this time of Your will being done.

In Him,
Tony Kristin, Kennedy and Karson Burks

Tony, Kristin, Kennedy and Karson Burks - December 30, 2015 at 10:08 PM

TB

“ Tony, Kristin, Kennedy And Karson Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Burks II



Tony, Kristin, Kennedy and Karson Burks - December 30, 2015 at 10:05 PM