



## Mr. William Marshall Burns

September 24, 1953 - April 21, 2020

BURNS, Mr. William Marshall - Age 66, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at McLaren - Flint. There will be no public viewing. William Marshall Burns was born and grew up in Flint, Michigan on September 24, 1953 to the union of Attorney Marshall Shelby Burns Jr. and Blanche Marie (Coleman) Burns. He attended Flint Community Schools graduating with the Southwestern High School class of 1971. William then attended the Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri where he participated on the basketball and golf teams. He graduated with the class of 1974. William then attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. William relocated to Lansing, Michigan and was employed in security for the State of Michigan and then went on to work for and retire from the General Motors/Lansing Division. William was introduced to Neysa Hodges by his cousin Jackie. He married his wife Neysa Hodges Burns of 34 years and relocated back to Flint. To this union was born daughter Rachel Allison Burns, who was the light of his life. William was a parent participant/chaperone to all of her activities (soccer, basketball, chess, tennis, quiz bowl, Flint Youth Symphony, theater and many more). He delighted in seeing her on 'Jeopardy!' William was an avid golfer and enjoyed wintering in Fort Myers, Florida. He loved sports especially the Detroit Tigers, spring training in Florida and the University of Michigan. He was also an avid coin collector. He was a member of the Foss Avenue Baptist Church, Reginald Flynn, Pastor and UAW Local 652. The last few years had been difficult for William health wise, but he soldiered on. He leaves to treasure his memory

devoted wife Neysa Hodges Burns, daughter Rachel Allison Burns of East Lansing, Michigan, brother Brian Marshall Burns of Fort Myers, Florida, uncle Kenneth (DeTonya) Burns of Flushing, Michigan, aunts Carolyn (Eugene) Smith of Florida, and Geraldine Coleman of Lansing Michigan, god son Jalen Robert Hodges Jr, sister in law Carol (Deacon Emerson) Boles of Idlewild, Michigan, and a host of cousins and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Marshall and Blanche Burns Jr., beloved grandparents George and Nancy Coleman, Marshall and Ann Burns Sr. and Fairybelle Burns great grandparents (great grandmother Mabel Hancock), father and mother in law Deacon John and Deaconess Julia Hodges, aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins, and friends. William loved life and loved his vast family. He especially loved his wife and daughter. He was a wonderful husband and father. He is sorely missed. Thank you to the CCU Unit at McLaren Hospital and to DaVita Dialysis Burton. Thank you to all who offered condolences and prayers. Due to circumstances a memorial for William will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Marshall Burns*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *He was a neighbor hood friend and great guy .*

**johnnie payne** - December 09, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ *Neysa, I just learned of your husband's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my thoughts, prayers and love to you and your family.*  
*Michelle*



**Michelle Turner Robinson** - May 13, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *Michelle Turner Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



**Michelle Turner Robinson** - May 12, 2020 at 06:43 PM

MR

“Michelle Turner Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



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**Michelle Turner Robinson** - May 12, 2020 at 05:42 PM

MB

“Goodnight sweet prince, may hosts of angels sing you to sleep and take you up to they rest.”

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**Mrs. William Marshall Burns** - May 11, 2020 at 09:46 AM

BW

“Barbara Wilkinsi lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



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**Barbara Wilkinsi** - May 04, 2020 at 08:36 PM

LM

“Sincere prayers and condolences extended to you Neysa, Rachel, and family.  
With all my love,



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**Laverna Murphy** - May 02, 2020 at 10:27 AM

NB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



**Neysa Burns** - May 02, 2020 at 07:29 AM

WH

“ *Wilma & Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



**Wilma & Ivy Herron** - May 01, 2020 at 02:32 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



**Mary Dantzler-Grace** - April 30, 2020 at 03:31 PM

LP

“ *Leroy & Brenda Purifoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



Leroy & Brenda Purifoy - April 30, 2020 at 02:46 PM

CS

“ *Clevin Robinson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



Clevin Robinson Sr. - April 30, 2020 at 01:36 PM

M(

“ *That laugh & BIG smile...I will always remember. Though I did not get to see you enough, those times I did were some of the greatest family moments in my life. Love ya Bill—travel well 🙌🏾👍🏾❤️👍🏾👍🏾👍🏾*

Malcolm Rogers (cousin) - April 30, 2020 at 10:52 AM

JD

“ *Sending my condolences to you and your family*



JoAnn Dockery - April 29, 2020 at 11:48 PM

CB

“ So sorry in the loss of Marshall. Condolences and prayers to your families.



Cassandra Burks - April 29, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Marshall Burns.



April 29, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the family. Chris & Kim Miller



Kimberly Hall-Miller - April 29, 2020 at 12:11 PM

SH

“ Sadie Holmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



Sadie Holmon - April 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM

KK

“ Kyle Smith And Shirley King lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



Kyle Smith and Shirley King - April 28, 2020 at 11:30 AM

LH

“ Larry And Shirley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



Larry and Shirley Henderson - April 28, 2020 at 07:46 AM

CE

“ Carletta E Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



Carletta E Evans - April 27, 2020 at 05:12 PM

KR

“ Kendall Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



Kendall Reaves - April 27, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ 17 files added to the album William



Rachel Burns - April 27, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Praying for family of William Burns.

Herbert and Linda Winfrey - April 25, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ Eddie & Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns



Eddie & Paulette McGhee - April 25, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Marshall Burns.



April 25, 2020 at 02:49 PM

CS

“ *Cathryn Williams Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



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**cathryn Williams Sanders** - April 25, 2020 at 10:44 AM

KN

“ *Kenneth & Barbara Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



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**Kenneth & Barbara Nesbitt** - April 25, 2020 at 12:27 AM

ES

“ *Edwina Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



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**Edwina Sanders** - April 23, 2020 at 11:02 PM

GW

“ *Gonna miss your smile Cousin. Beautiful person! Hug and Kiss Aunt Blanche, Uncle Marshall and Momma for me! See you when we get there...enjoy Jesus Bill you fight hard and long will always Love my First Cousin forever in our Hearts ❤️.*

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**Gina Hughey Wortham** - April 23, 2020 at 08:55 PM

Judy  
Moore

“ *Judy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



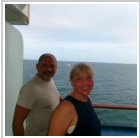
Judy Moore - April 23, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Lisa Baucom Blanco lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



Lisa Baucom Blanco - April 22, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *Mr. Burns was one of my dad's best buddies. Unfortunately I haven't seen the Burns family in years, but Mr. Burns will forever hold a special place in my heart ❤️. I hope the Billy's are playing golf again or fishing together in Heaven. Rest In Peace Mr. Burns.*

Lisa Baucom Blanco - April 22, 2020 at 08:51 PM

BK

“ *A good friend. Rest now in Heavenly Peace*



Brenda Kimble - April 22, 2020 at 08:05 AM

TF

“ *Our sincere condolences to your family. We grew up together as backyard neighbors. Billy you fought a good fight. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. RIH till we meet again.*

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**The Driskell Family** - April 21, 2020 at 10:38 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Marshall Burns*



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**Wanda Harrison** - April 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM