



## James Jackson Burkett, Jr.

March 13, 1948 - October 25, 2020

James Jackson Burkett, Jr. (Jim), age 72, passed away on October 25, 2020 although he will live on in our hearts forever. Jim was born March 13, 1948 in Bluefield, VA. He was raised by Frances Elizabeth Conaway Burkett and James Jackson Burkett, Sr. He graduated from Fieldale High school in Fieldale, VA and honorably served our country for 16 years in the Army as one of the first Green Beret, Special Forces. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Army's Basic Parachutist Badge and Expert Rifle Badge, M-16. After his mission, he leveraged his entrepreneurial spirit to begin a long career in the automotive business.

Jim was lucky enough to meet his wife, Eleanor (Dee Dee), over the phone through a customer service support line and their hearts became forever tied. They were married in Reno, Nevada, August 21, 1989. They shared an amazing life together including many adventures.

Jim is survived by so many who love him, including his wife, Dee Dee, and son, Michael Lofgren (Jenny) and his beloved Yorkshire Terrier, Bella; grandchildren, Kyle Lofgren, Kolby Lofgren, Alyssa Lofgren; his loving mother and step father, Frances Conaway Loftis and Tim Loftis; and siblings, Mary Roe (Tony); Margaret Lawson, Ida Yow, Steve Burkett (Rhonda); and step siblings, Danny Conaway (Linda), Marvin Loftis, Michael Loftis (Linda); and

numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his father James Jackson Burkett, Sr. and his brother Bruce Wayne Burkett.

Jim was an extremely hard worker that found the same reward in his accomplishments at work as others do in their hobbies. He built great connections and relationships. Everyone loved him who met him. He founded a Harley Davidson shop that helped him marry his love of work and zest for life. He loved traveling and riding motorcycles. Jim was well known for his career in the car business. He had a way of selling to his customers that made them feel as valued as a cherished friend. He was an avid boater for years and a few years ago satisfied his love of traveling and adventure by purchasing a motor home to travel the country. Jim enjoyed living life to the fullest and shared many traveling adventures with his wife, Dee Dee. He parked his tires back in North Carolina most recently to be closer to family and begin working again in a part-time customer sales associate role at Lowe's doing what he loved most, serving customers/friends. Jim was a selfless man, loving father, doting grandfather and friend to all that met him. We will all cherish the memories of his smile, laugh and comedic stories forever.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 8, 2020 in the Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service also at the Heritage House.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiMbjN\\_9xXjFUkmp2zB3SMQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiMbjN_9xXjFUkmp2zB3SMQ)

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cavin-Cook Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Burkett family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## **Receiving Friends**

NOV 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Jackson Burkett, Jr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *James Jackson Burkett, Jr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *James Jackson Burkett, Jr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Jackson Burkett, Jr..*



October 31, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Jackson Burkett, Jr..*



October 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM

NB

“ *What a sad day to lose such a wonderful, kind gentleman. We were always welcomed as family and Jim treated our children like his own grand children. What a blessing to have known him and love him. I always remember Thanksgiving and Christmas when Jim would sneak my fudge so Dee Dee would not catch him. Such a character. He will be missed but never forgotten. Hopefully Austin was waiting for him to give him a big welcome hug. Rest in peace, we love you. <3*



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**Nicolette Baeza** - October 28, 2020 at 02:04 PM

JL

“ *Pop Pop, Although our heart are broken, we are blessed to have the cherished memories you provided to comfort us forever. You were a selfless man who loved serving others. You never met a stranger because everyone that met you was an immediate friend! Our children were blessed to have you as an example of how to live life, work hard and be a great person. You were a loving and doting grandfather that made a tremendous impact on all of us. I will forever treasure the memories of your stories, advice and your infectious laugh. I love you and you will live on through us! May you rest in peace and enjoy your reunion and celebration in heaven. God bless you!*



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**Jenny Lofgren** - October 28, 2020 at 11:58 AM

DB

“ My sweet Jim. You will always be with me in my heart and soul!! My heart is broken!! I find myself still waiting for you to come home and walk in the door anytime. You were so kind and always thought about other people before yourself. You adored the grandkids in everyday. Michael was your joy in life!! You will be with me the rest of my life! Until we meet again. I love you always. Your loving wife  
❤️

Dee Dee Burkett - October 28, 2020 at 12:31 AM

ML

“ I will miss you big brother. I'm so sorry we didn't get to miss more time together, but will cherish the time we did have. You are forever in my heart. Give Daddy and Bruce a big hug for me. With all my Love.

Margaret Lawson - October 27, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Jackson Burkett, Jr..



October 27, 2020 at 04:28 PM

MM

“ Jimmy, you were one of the greatest co workers I have ever had. To say you were the hardest worker and nicest human beings I've ever met is an understatement. You always took time out of your day when my wife and daughter came to visit to just say hi and ask how they were doing. I will always remember your smile and your great attitude you had. We always laughed when you would take the last up of the day at close but we always loved working with you. I don't ever remember you being in a bad mood or upset. RIP my friend, the world lost one of the good ones. I loved our talks we had and the laughter your brought to Infiniti. I remember when Alexis was 2 and she asked if you were Santa and you played it perfectly. It absolutely made her day. Thank you for everything my friend. You will truly be missed.

*The McKenna's*

*Michael, Emily, Alexis, Kayla, Brennan and Reagan.*

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**Michael McKenna** - October 27, 2020 at 02:00 PM

IY

“ Rest In Peace my sweet brother. I was so blessed to have shared my life with you as my siblings. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten or loved by so many people. Go rest with our Daddy and our Brother. Until we meet again I will hold you close to my heart.



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**Ida Yow** - October 27, 2020 at 05:21 AM