



Mr. Martin E. "Marty" Burritt

January 19, 1963 - February 15, 2026

UTICA – A light went out in Utica on the morning of Sunday, February 15, 2026, when Martin E. “Marty” Burritt passed away.

To know Marty was to know pure joy. He lit up every room, literally, but not just with hundreds of cool lights. He lit it with his laughter, his warmth, and the way he made everyone feel instantly welcome.

Marty always found the coolest, most unique things and loved sharing his finds. He had a deep appreciation for the beauty in life, especially in nature, finding joy in waterfalls, trails, quiet moments, and the little details others might pass by. If you went to see him, you were guaranteed a cool hike to a breathtaking waterfall or a charming hidden spot.

Even if you didn't see him in person often, he stayed connected through pictures and videos of every adventure he went on. He also sent postcards to everyone. He loved doing it, and everyone loved receiving every single one.

Rest in Peace, Marty. You will be missed by so many! Love you so much, always and forever.

Marty is survived by 23 ½ mannequins, 14 koi, his beloved gazebo, his eclectic garden, oh...and his husband of 43 years, Roy Spreckelsen. He is

also survived by family and friends, too numerous to mention.

In lieu of floral offerings, the family encourages you to remember Marty by helping someone close to you who could use a little extra love and support.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Marty's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

This obituary was lovingly composed by Marty's family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

Saratoga, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
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Funeral Service

FEB 23. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NW

“ *First off my deepest sympathy to Roy. It still feels like a bad dream. Marty brought so much joy and love into my life. I feel like I could write a book about him. He was such an amazing, smart, loving, caring man. There was never a dull moment when we were together. Back in 1999, he brought a bubble machine to my wedding. Always the life of the party. We never left their house without a gift of some kind. Marty and Roy had a love story that was beyond beautiful. I will miss him terribly but will keep his memories in my heart forever. I love and miss you Marty.*

Nancy Wesolowski



nancy Wesolowski - February 25 at 05:32 PM

KW

I'm so very sorry to hear about Marty. I just heard this morning, by a cousin of his. It broke my heart.... I was a dear friend of his beloved Mother, Ann. He was the nicest guy ever and always brought a smile and hugs. I've known him since he was a little boy ❤️🙏 I went to school with his sister Jo Ann. Prayers and my condolences to his family and friends. How blessed I was to have known you all these many years ago.

Kim Clifford Wood - March 03 at 01:27 PM

MG

“ When I found out about Marty passing a million memories flooded in and over the last few days more and more have piled up like the pages of a book. Marty was the best of the best, loved him dearly and I will never forget how loved he made me feel. Condolences to Roy.

Meg Gregory - February 24 at 12:47 PM

CP

“ Passing along my condolences to the 23.5 mannequins, the 14 koi and his beloved, Roy <3 Marty taught me some valuable lessons and think of him often. He will be so missed.

With love,

Chelsey (Gibson) Pendasulo



Chelsey Pendasulo - February 23 at 05:35 PM

DG

“ This breaks my heart, Roy & Marty were a beautiful bright light in my life. Had the best times n memories with them. All the wonderful comments are so true n giving of Marty..cant say enough how he brought nothing but joy to everyone he met. Still today my daughter speaks of his wonderful soul who taught her what joy n love for others is all about. You were one of a kind Marty n the world is much sadder without you in it. So very sorry for your loss Roy, hugs & prayers that you're able to find some kind of comfort. Since I Just saw this, I'm sadden that I'm unable to make his memorial.

Marty is your angel now Roy always looking out for you. 💔😭🙏

..Will always love you guys Donna aka Gibby

Donna GIBSON - February 23 at 02:25 PM

KC

“ Dear Roy,

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you today. You and Marty will forever live in our thoughts and prayers. Marty was a gift. He was one of the most compassionate and kind souls on the face of this earth. His love and laughter were contagious, and would light up any room.

We are thinking of you lovingly today and wishing you strength in the coming days and weeks ahead.

*Your Friends from Buffalo,
Kathy Camp
Jo Sigler
Mark Schmidt*

Kathleen Camp - February 23 at 12:28 PM

BE

“ So very sorry for your loss Roy. My prayers and thought are with you as you mourn your liss.

BARBARA Lynn EVANS - February 23 at 10:22 AM

BE

Loss...

BARBARA Lynn EVANS - February 23 at 10:25 AM

KS

*Roy,
I am saddened to learn of Marty's passing. You have my deepest sympathies and condolences. I shall remember him fondly and wish you strength during this time of grief and sorrow.*

Kenneth Swanson - February 23 at 11:26 AM

MA

“ Roy,
Sincerely sorry for your loss.
Unsure if I will be able to extend my condolences in person.
May happy memories bring you comfort.
Margaret Papale

Margaret - February 21 at 07:44 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the album Marty Burritt



Robert Chon - February 21 at 02:05 PM

RC

“ One of the happiest moments of our lives was when Julie and I moved onto Bryant Street in Buffalo, NY in 1998 and discovered that our across the street neighbors were Marty Burritt and Roy Spreckelson. Our lives would never be the same! Being close neighbors meant that their energy, humanity, and spirit would emanate through the walls, cross the street, and warm our household as well! Countless were the moments of joy and love that we shared... driven by Marty's strict observance of holidays. Though every month had a calendar event to celebrate, in truth every day was a celebration of joy and friendship. Over time Marty and Roy moved to Utica and Julie and I to California but our love never waned. Marty had the gift of knowing what he had in common with everyone he met and he knew how to make each of his friends feel love and happiness, and how to make each of us laugh. Marty would make fun of his small town, rural roots but his intellect and spirit, his curiosity for life and his sense of adventure were the match of anyone. I know I gained more from our friendship than Marty did because he showed me new worlds in art, design, crafts, aesthetics, and gardening that were hidden to me. I never met a person remotely as creative as Marty and I'd be surprised if I ever do. Besides being a guiding creative light, Marty affirmed our shared passions for nature, rural heritage, and adventure (often including trespassing). Mostly Marty and Roy opened their hearts to us and modeled what true, unconditional love looks and feels like. Because of the blessings of our times together, I will continue to greet each day as a sacred opportunity for joy, curiosity, creativity, adventure, and love. Marty, we will always hold our friendship with you and Roy in our hearts and we will visit you both soon. All of our love now and forever... Bob and Julie.

Robert Chon - February 21 at 01:41 PM

BD

“ We will always remember how full of life you were. Every moment with you was pure joy and happiness! I will never forget the parties you would have with your multiple themed rooms! (the pirate room is still my favorite!) Thank you for allowing us to know you and celebrate life with you. You were truly one of a kind and will be deeply missed. Our hearts may be broken, but your joyous memories and spirit will make us feel whole again.

We love you and will see you again our dear friend Marty.

Bonnie Delfs (Simmons)

Bonnie Delfs - February 21 at 10:21 AM

EM

“ Marty you were more than a friend to me: you were a brother.... The memories we shared together will ALWAYS be with me! You were & are the kindest, adventurous & most thoughtful person on this side of heaven.. Until we meet again: stay that sweet, wonderful person that we all knew & looked forward to spending time with.... I'll most certainly see you on the other side with arms wide open!!

Edna Morris - February 21 at 10:05 AM

MD

“ A friend has departed, rest in peace Marty.

He had a big bubbly personality, and he wanted to share everything.

He danced with us playing our favorite tunes which he made it a point to remember.

He'd turn the music up trying Roy's patience, until we heard "MARTYYYYYYYY".

I will always miss the very early Saturdays in the car gabbing and waiting to be first in line at the estate sales.

Marty loved hiking and sightseeing whether he had permission to be there or not.

Remember "strip search me officer, it's my right" ? .

We'll miss Marty's parties, his lights, his costumes, his music, his excitement,

And if we meet Marty again, we'll be turning the music way up.

Martha DuMont - February 20 at 11:37 PM

LR

“ We will miss the comedy and the laughter you brought to everyone
RIP

Lea Rosamelia - February 20 at 07:35 PM

PW

“ For 25 years Marty, you were one of the brightest lights in my life. You had a rare gift for making everyone feel seen and a legendary love for anything that could shine or glow whether it was the literal glow of your favorite holiday lights or the way you lit up every room with your giving spirit. You gave so much of yourself to all of us and I feel so very lucky to have been chosen as your friend for over two decades. The world is undoubtedly dimmer without you. You are gone too soon but the spark you left in my heart will never fade.
Patti Williams

Patti Williams - February 20 at 05:03 PM

DW

“ I will miss Marty so much for his ebullient, generous, inquisitive, compassionate and quick-witted personality. He lit up every room with his gifts, plants, music, decorating, never-ending entertainment and jokes, even as he laughed at them first. Everyone he met was a potential new friend. Marty was the perfect complementary partner to Roy and that made their relationship work so well. He was the quintessential giver, and his parting gift is his Marty memories that will provide me with a smile on my face, appreciation for life, and love in my heart.
Dan Williams

Dan Williams - February 20 at 04:57 PM

GW

“ We're so sorry to learn of Marty's passing; to say lost for words is an understatement.....our hearts are heavy with sadness. Marty was one of the most unique, interesting, gentle souls this earth ever had the pleasure to host. Even though time and distance has kept our paths from crossing in recent years, we have so many amazing memories with Marty and Roy of impromptu hikes and adventures around Upstate NY, Halloween trips to "Punkin' Junction," roaming through abandoned factories, hanging out in the "Burritt Turret," and so many wonderful times feeling no pain at their magnificent home on the Parkway. It was impossible to be down around Marty and he truly knew how to show us all how to find so much joy in the natural beauty which surrounds us.

Marty, you will be missed and this world was made a better place for having you in it. Roy...sending you nothing but love during this hard time

Gary and Jenn Wereszynski

Gary Wereszynski - February 20 at 10:32 AM

DF

“ Oh my precious Marty, my precious Newfoundland friend, my kindred spirit. I sit here writing this in disbelief that you're gone. Faith brought me and you and Roy and Mark together in 2019 and you've been my friend ever since. I have looked forward to the days that you sent me the pictures of how you decorated the house. I got so excited when you sent me pictures of your beautiful garden. Your beautiful garden was just so incredible and I looked forward to seeing it. We were hoping to get up there this year and surprise you guys. I looked forward to seeing your garden and your beautiful house and looked forward to catching up with everything with you and Roy. I still look fondly back at when you guys came through Wytheville and we got to eat dinner together. That's the last time I saw you except in your pictures. I wondered where my valentine decoration pictures were and expected them any day. When I receive that call from Roy it was absolutely shocking and overwhelmingly Sad to my soul to find out that the world lost such a wonderful human being breaks my heart. Every day since I found out you left this world I've literally said out loud "I cannot believe Marty is gone" I will miss you my Newfoundland friend. You and I talked about my son multiple times and I just wonder if you're up there with him in heaven meeting him for the first time . I shall continue to pray for your wonderful partner Roy as I know he is devastated losing you. Fly high, my kindred spirit friend , your Dr Amy will miss you always.

Dr Amy Fought - February 19 at 08:57 PM

CG

Marty


I will miss you so much. The times we had were the best times in my life.

You and Roy were always there for me and I will always remember that.

I know sometimes you thought I didn't remember our car trips...to Rock Park, Sculpture Park, Ellicottville and so many more.

I remember being with you and Roy for New Year's. I think it was 1999 going into 2000 and rode back with you both to Buffalo....thru the snowbuckle.

We had so many great times on your boat! Just hanging out listening to music. That was probably my favorite.

Roy is missing you dearly and so many countless friends. You always made friends 

Well please RIP  and I promise I will keep in touch with Roy.

Love you always

Chris

Chris Griffin - February 19 at 09:20 PM

BD

“ *It was a joy and pleasure to have known Marty. He was one of a kind like no other. He was so fun loving kind and welcoming to others. At Gatherings, seeing Marty in attendance meant game on for the best time to be had. I will truly miss watching Marty and my wife Vicki joke around and listen to music to the wee hours of the morning. I am glad I had the pleasure and honor of knowing Marty. He will be dearly missed. God bless Roy and all Marty's friends and family.*

Brian P Damuth - February 19 at 06:40 PM

DC

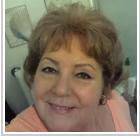
“ I can't believe my flower buddy and friend is gone! Marty was always finding to flower shops to go to that had all these different plants. We spent hours picking what we wanted. He would always get me special plants from all his travels. Marty would bring me special lights and other items so I could decorate like him! He always made my day! Now im hooked on all these crazy light. Marty and Andy working in his gardens going to lunch was so memorable just having fun. Marty came to all my kids parties and special events packed with fun. One funny was he hid Ashley's doll DW what a funny story and party. Marty had a beach party with golfish in a plastic pool the next day he put them in my sisters pond they are doing so well. He loved bringing friends to her place. Cori and marty coming to my house to dig ferns and pine tree. So much fun rain or shine. Marty was party of my family! We had so many good times i could write a book! I will miss u so much my friend ! Thank u for asking me to be your valentine! You will be my valentine forever my friend! I will miss u but I will always have you in my thoughts and so many memories that just make me smile. Rest in peace my friend I will love you forever 🧡💜❤️💕💕

Diane Chruscicki - February 19 at 06:29 PM

NW

How I will miss you Marty. But the memories of all the great adventures and visits we had I will hold in my heart forever. You showed me so many beautiful waterfalls, introduced me to some great music and always made me laugh! We never left our visits with special gifts. You were one of a kind. You showed up with Roy at our wedding in 1999 with a bubble machine! You were always the life of the party. Roy and you were the most beautiful love story I have ever known. Till we meet again, I will miss you and love you 💕
Nancy Wesolowski

nancy Wesolowski - February 24 at 04:16 PM



“ I can't believe that my buddy, Marty, really left us. Marty was such a loving, compassionate, kind and generous person. I don't think I ever left his home or ended one of his famous road trips without going home with a little gift of some sort. I have memories of Marty in every single room in my house. Marty's garden was his pride and joy, and he so loved showing me any new plants he had gotten. Several years ago, Marty and Roy had invited me to come over to their house---they knew I needed cheering up, and Marty knew just what to do. He had about 5 or 6 of his mannequins dressed as clowns, outside in the garden. He had gotten a bubble machine to add to the atmosphere and also, a cotton candy machine! It was truly just what I needed to cheer me up. Marty's little friend, Dell, (a friendly chipmunk) made an appearance and we fed him some peanuts. I will remember this day forever. I think I could really write a book totally filled with Marty memories.

Laurice Wilkinson - February 19 at 05:39 PM

BD

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Brian P Damuth - February 19 at 06:29 PM

LS

I just want to cry Marty was my besty and we would laugh and tell jokes and I will miss him so much,Love you Marty the one man party.

Lorri Simmons - February 20 at 02:36 PM

LW

For the last 5 mornings, I have gotten up hoping 'this' is just another one of my crazy dreams---but it is not! It is the beginning of life without our Marty. There are so many things I will miss about Marty. I will miss the post cards he always sent me whenever he was on a vacation. One day, I got 12 post cards, and each one had some original artwork on the back. I have every single one! I will miss the phone calls while Roy and Marty were on one of their fabulous trips. Marty would describe the sights in such detail that I almost felt like I was there with them. Marty saw the world with such excitement and passion and loved sharing that excitement with others. I have so many very precious memories of our dear, sweet, kind Marty who gave the best hugs. My world will not be the same without my buddy Marty. My heart hurts.

Laurice Wilkinson - February 20 at 09:00 PM