



Mr. William J. "Billy" Burns, Jr.

March 7, 1960 - May 21, 2019

UTICA - Mr. William J. "Billy" Burns, Jr., age 59, passed away unexpectedly after a long illness on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the comfort of his home. Born in Utica on March 7, 1960, William was the son of the late William J. Sr. and Della Marie (Zupkas) Burns. Raised and educated locally, he attended Utica Free Academy. A veteran of the United States Army, Billy served his country as a paratrooper with the US Army/82nd Airborne Division as a combat engineer and demolitions expert during the late 70's and early 80's. After completing his Military service, he worked for several years in Galveston, Texas as a longshoreman prior to returning to the Utica area to be with his mother during her long, courageous battle with cancer. Billy remained in the area and worked locally for several years in the construction field before his final employment at the Utica Department of Public Works as a Heavy Duty Equipment Operator.

Billy is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Robert Jones of Whitesboro. His sister, Donna Tanner preceded him on March 26, 2015. He also leaves his brothers and their loved ones, Christopher "Chris" Burns Lt./UPD Ret. and Tricia Ingalls, James "Jimmy" Burns UFD/Ret. and Deborah Seeber, and Joseph and Kimberley Burns; brother-in-law, Brian Tanner; nieces and nephews, Megan and Robert Slater, Savannah Burns, Christopher Burns Jr.; Dawn and Aaron Culver, Brandon Jones; Shelby Burns; Daniel and Lavina Tanner, Brionna Tanner, and Ryan Tanner; special aunts and uncles, Katherine "Aunt Kaka" Dubinsky and Dick Naegele, and Richard and Edna

Zupkas; and special longtime friends, Julianne Burns, Mark Sokolowski, and Bob Tenbrink; and his feline companion of 10 years "Wac".

The family sends a special thank you to Billy's longtime friend and companion Betty Broadbent for her many years of compassion and devoted attention to Billy, especially during his long illness.

The family honored and commemorated Billy's life at a private gathering. Funeral services and Interment in Kirkland Cemetery with Military Honors conferred will be held privately and at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Kirkland Cemetery

French Road
Kirkland, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in Peace my friend. You have earned it.*

Cindy Hammond - June 02, 2019 at 08:41 AM

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R.I.P. Billy

Ronnie Mesagna - June 02, 2019 at 06:41 PM

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“ *Jim Burns and Family,*

My deepest sympathy .

*Sincerely,
Rocco Rositano*



Rocco Rositano - June 01, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William J. "Billy" Burns, Jr..*



May 30, 2019 at 09:33 PM

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“*Mary and I want to send Billy's siblings, aunts and uncles and cousins our deepest condolences. He was one of a kind and did things his way, he lived life to the fullest and never had any regrets. Billy don't let them get away with any shit in heaven. Miss you and our love goes with you.*”



Ron Merritt - May 29, 2019 at 06:29 PM