



Gary L. Burke

October 4, 1955 - November 19, 2020

The family requests that you make a donation to Walk to End Alzheimer's in lieu of flowers. The link to the donation page is: [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2020/DCNationalCapitalArea?team_id=613599&pg=team&fr_id=13343].

GARY LAMONT BURKE, was born on October 4, 1955 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late William Albert and Gwendolyn Irene Burke. God called Gary home on November 19, 2020, following a five-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Growing up, the Burke household was filled with love, laughter and great food. The family attended St. Edward Roman Catholic Church where Gary was baptized and served as an altar boy. His parents also instilled in him the value of a great education. He attended and graduated from Loyola Blakefield. Gary's love of sports and athletic ability were the driving force to his acceptance on Loyola's football and basketball teams.

After graduating high school in 1973, Gary attended Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. There he served as the president of the Black Society, manager of the student dining hall and resident assistant of his dormitory. This was the precursor to leadership positions Gary would hold throughout his professional career.

Coopers & Lybrand (now Pricewaterhouse Coopers) hired Gary as a Sr. Auditor following his graduation from Babson in 1977. Gary excelled in accounting becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and member of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) where he served as president of the Baltimore chapter from 1985-86.

In August 1981, Gary's first son, Brandon, was born with then wife Chris (Stokes) Cephas. Soon after, two more sons, Christopher and Jonathan, followed. During this time, Gary transitioned from public accounting to working in commercial real estate at the Rouse Company.

In September 1989, Gary welcomed his first daughter, Amanda, with then wife Nina (Abbott) Burke, followed by second daughter, Rachel. During this time, Gary added golf to his list of sports and became an avid player.

After switching industries yet again in the late 1980s to work at USF&G, Gary joined the Fidelity & Guaranty (F&G) Life Company in 1993 where he served as Senior Vice President. It was at F&G Life where Gary became a titan in the life insurance industry. He negotiated numerous opportunities and mergers for the company as one of only a handful of African American SVPs in the industry. He was a true pioneer.

Throughout the remainder of his career, Gary held leadership roles at many other organizations, culminating as President of The Union Labor Life Insurance Company (ULLICO).

On June 30, 2007, Gary married Dr. Kim Bondurant and welcomed two "bonus" daughters, Christiana and Jasmine. The family eventually settled in Bowie, MD where he lived until his passing. Both being avid sports fans, Gary and Kim enjoyed watching college and professional football while enjoying Kim's homemade chili and desserts.

Family was always important to Gary and wherever he worked, his colleagues knew about his children. He took them on business trips and was always sure to impart his knowledge to them. He taught them the value of education, giving back and love, while never missing an opportunity to outwardly express his love to them.

In 2015, Gary was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Disease. Although the disease meant that he could no longer work, he did not let that stop him from being an influential leader. He still volunteered his time and knowledge to his community and became an avid walker to maintain his health.

Gary leaves to celebrate his memory: his loving wife Kim; sons Brandon, Christopher (Tygerian), Jonathan; daughters Amanda Packard (Sara), Rachel D'Huyvetter (Chas); step-daughters Christiana Hilton and Jasmine Hilton; five grandchildren Skyler, Mason, Otis, Isaac and Carly; three sisters, Jacqueline Gundy, Sharon Thames and Kathy Burke; one brother, William ("Skip"); six brothers-in-law, Steven Thames, Sr., Ronald Bondurant, Jr., Timmy Bondurant, Tommy Bondurant, Terry Bondurant and Nimon Bondurant; one sister-in-law, Ansonia Anderson; many nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Gary L. Burke, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - November 27, 2020 at 10:51 AM

AS

I've worked with Mr. Burke for over a year and it has been one of the best years of my life. Even though his body is gone he will always be with us. To the family again I say Sorry for your lost. But remind you that he will forever be missed.

Amanda Sewell - November 28, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *Gary L. Burke*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family.*

*Sent with heartfelt love,
The Collins Family
Terrance, Jackie & Lauryn*

Jackie Collins - November 28, 2020 at 04:16 PM

AS

“ I’ve watched Mr.Burke go through the end of his battle. Even the days when his mind wanted to stop fighting his body still fought. Now he can rest and no longer have to fight. We remember all the good and bad times and pray that GOD has keeps him safe. We love you Mr.Burke and I thank you for allowing me to walk your journey with you and teaching me the true meaning of patience and love. I light a blue candle for serenity and peace. May your fight end but your soul fly. And to the family I thank you for allowing me to be the one to take care of your loved one until his end. And say that just because he’s gone that doesn’t mean we have to lose contact.



Amanda Sewell - November 28, 2020 at 12:15 PM

BL

“ Benita P Lunn lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Burke



Benita P Lunn - November 28, 2020 at 12:01 PM

DL

“ To the Bondurant -Burke family. My sincere condolences. I've had the pleasure of getting to know Gary over the years. He married my best friend, Dr Kim. Our families have vacationed together, shared meals in our homes, and enjoyed that incredible laughter of his on many occasions. He will be missed.

Dr Kim, I know that your heart is saddened, but you also can feel such peace knowing that you were the epitome of a faithful and dutiful wife throughout the rocky journey of living through and supporting Gary physically, emotionally and financially through all the phases of Alzheimer's. You were there for him every step of the way doing whatever possible to enhance his comfort and safety. You and I both walked similar roads this year with loved ones enduring Alzheimer's, and both of us losing those loved ones in 2020. God knew that by sharing similar journeys in real time, we could support each other along the way. You are an amazing wife and Gary loved you so very much.

I hope that your spirit will be at peace knowing that Gary is now smiling on you and the family from Heaven.

*—Dr Gina Love-Walker
Columbus, OH*

Dr. Gina Love-Walker - November 28, 2020 at 09:44 AM

CA

“ I am grateful to have known Gary since we were teens. He will definitely be missed.

Candice Abd'al-Rahim - November 28, 2020 at 09:34 AM

LR

“ My condolences to the family. As very lucky you have met Gary and got to see that he always had a smile on his face. He has such a wonderful family, blessings to all of you. I am sure he is watching over all of you ❤️



Lori Ridey - November 28, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ My condolences to the Burke family. This has been a tough year.

Gary and I go back many years to the old Woodmoor court days. We reconnected several times over the years, NABA, Woodmoor Elementary professional Volunteer talks, golf outings, I was close friends with one of his in-laws, and most recently when he relocated to Bowie where I've lived for many years. He was always a leader of men, role model for all, and a truly kind person.

He will be missed, but fondly remembered as another neighborhood brother that did well.

Jeff Reid

Jelani Reid - November 27, 2020 at 11:28 AM

CH

“ My sincere condolences to the Family, The Bible tells us about the hope for all who die . John5:28,29. The Resurrection! On Earth! I pray this Bible Truth brings you some peace and comfort .

cher - November 26, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DM

“ *Dana and Ralph Moore purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary L. Burke.*



Dana and Ralph Moore - November 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Gary L. Burke.*



November 25, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Burke.*



November 25, 2020 at 12:19 PM

BB

“ My favorite guy! There are no words for how I feel but your memory and love will guide me through the days, weeks, months and years to come. I'm so glad you are free but I miss you more than I could ever imagine. I love you dad. - Brandon



Brandon Burke - November 25, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CA



Candice Abd'al-Rahim - November 27, 2020 at 10:24 AM

JF

Brandon, Christopher and Jonathan I haven't seen you in many years .I fondly remember the "Normount and Belmont Ave days". I am praying for your strength and peace of mind as you mourn the loss of your dad.Love you.

Ms Jackie (Jacqueline Carter Fulton ,MD)

jacqueline Fulton,MD - November 28, 2020 at 06:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Burke.



November 25, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary L. Burke.



November 23, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - November 23, 2020 at 03:16 PM

DS

A wonderful gentleman. Our paths crossed as financial services professionals seeking to make a difference for the Black community. I will never forget his kindness and leadership. Rest In Peace and Power, my friend. Blessings to the family. Dr. Deborah Stroman

Deborah Stroman - November 27, 2020 at 07:27 AM

MS

My heart goes out to the Burke Family as they Beloved Gary was called home to Glory. I pray you find peace during this difficult time and know we are praying for your strength. Gary was a light in the world and while he is no longer with us, he will never be forgotten. 💕💕

Muriel Suggs - November 27, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BR

Sincere condolences to the Burke family. May he rest in heavenly peace.

BESSIE Richardson

Bessie Richardson - November 28, 2020 at 08:31 AM