



Thomas L. Burgess

March 14, 1956 - January 23, 2024

Thomas Tommy Burgess was born on March 14, 1956 at the Marine Corps Air Station base hospital in Cherry Point North Carolina as the second of four children to the late George Leonard Burgess and Annette Madline Henry Burgess-Fuld of Havelock, North Carolina. On the morning of Tuesday January 23, 2024 Tommy transitioned peacefully at the North Baltimore home in Maryland with his partner Damon Downing of almost 30 years and will be remembered for his love language of cooking for friends and loved ones and living life to the fullest.

Tommy attended Annunciation Catholic school and Havelock High School in Havelock North Carolina and later went on to get a Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Institutional Management from East Carolina University in 1979 and a Master of Science from University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1983.

After graduating from UNC Greensboro Tom started his career working at a hospital as a Service manager and later a Nutritional Service manger in Atlanta, Georgia for 8 years. In 1991, Tommy moved to Washington DC where he worked at the Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) for more than 25 yeras in various clinical and adminstration capacities. Tom was a Registered Dietitian and began his NVT Career clinical support to a number of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. His clinical and oranizational skills were soon recognized and he was promoted to Director of food Service Operations which provided daily meals to over 200 people who lived at NVYT

not including the staff and eventually managed the downsizing and closure of NVTC in 2016 the year he retired from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Mental Health system. Tommy also did nutritional consulting for provide groups homes for people development disabilities and /or intellectual challenges in the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia

Tom is survived by his partner of almost of almost 30 years Damon Downing of Baltimore, Maryland sister Sharlene Birgess-Foley and husband Brian Foley of Havelock, NC, Sister in Law, Michelle Temple Burgess of New Bern, NC niece Bridgtte Burgess Bosmans of New Bern, NC great niece Katlin Chesney of Kenly NC great great neice Emaleigh Lassiter of Kenly NC, niece Shannon Marie Perita Laverty of Booksville, FL great niece Brillana Browning of Cutler Bay, FI and great niece Cecilia Rodriguez of Haymarket VA great neice MArk Browning and great neice Olivia Robin Browning of Cutler Bay FL former sister in law Diane Lambright Berry of New Bern NC Joyce M, Burgess of Greenville NC.

Tommy is also survived by extended family of his partner Damon Downing to included his mother, Ruby Brown Stotler of Baltimore, Maryland ucle Kenneth Brown SR. of Baltimore Maryland, sister Tricia Downing and Fiance Donald Bovello of Glen Burnie, MD. sister Nicole Downing Cooke: husband Donald Cooke and son Jason Cooke of Baltimore, Maryland sister Goldie Downing Davis of Elkridge, Md sister Wendy Downing Talley husband Craig Jones daughter Tia lee Miles son Jacob Talley son Noah Talley son Cameron Bean Jones nephew of Lawrenceville, Georgia sister Mariah Morrisson husband Jameel Morrisson son Caleb Morrisson Daughhter Emory Morrisson dauhgter Josie Morrisson, Josie Morrisson of Chislehurst, New Jersey and nephew Robert Omar Johnson Baltimore Md

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents George Leonard Burgess and Annette Madeline Henry Burgess Fuld his twin brother, infant Burgess and his

older brother Timothy George Burgess of Havelock, North Carolina.

Previous Events

Welcome Service

FEB **24**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ignatius Catholic Church
740 N. Calvert St.
Balto., MD

Mass

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Damon Downing - March 03, 2024 at 08:00 AM

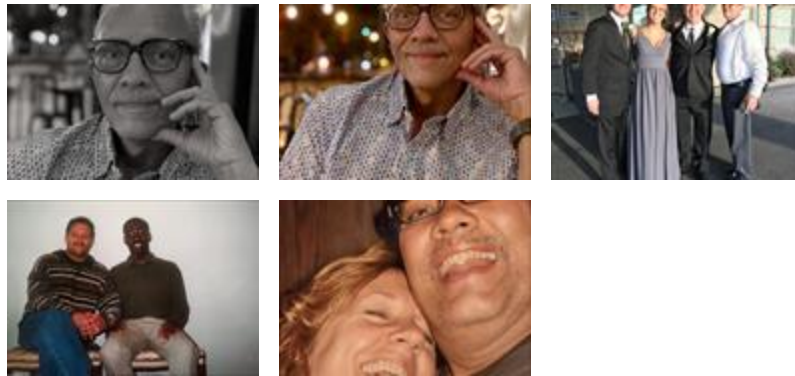
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Video of Tommy's memorial mass at Saint Ignatius Church in Baltimore MD.

Damon Downing - March 08, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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“ 127 files added to the album *Tommy's Family and Friends*



Damon Downing - March 02, 2024 at 08:08 AM

ME

“ *I will miss your humor, your generosity, your wit and that big heart you and Damon extended to your friends and loved ones on Fairmont St. Thank you for the wonderful times and the memories. May you be at peace now.*

Mohammed M El-Khatib - February 24, 2024 at 10:03 AM



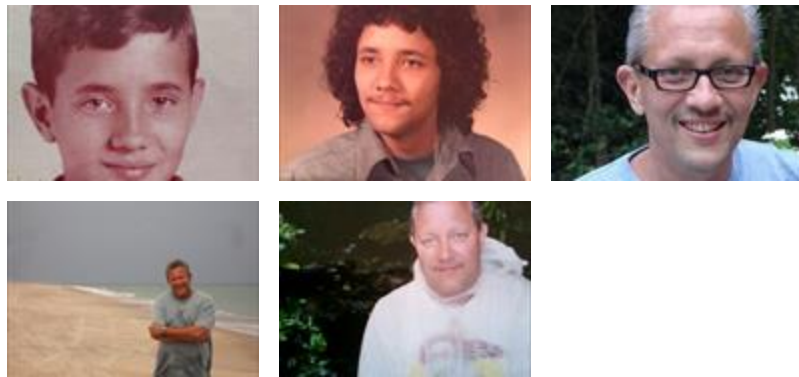
“ Whenever we were invited, we remember Tommy had always kept some foods in the oven for each late comer to eat warm. There was a profound kindness in his care. Being in his care made us feel our friends on the other side of planet being part of a big family. Indeed we are family in his memory. We dearly miss him and cannot thank him more for the beautiful unforgettable moments. Our deepest condolences to Damon and all family.
Yuko and Koichi Minato



Yuko and Koichi Minato - February 24, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *The Many Faces of Tom Burgess*



Damon Downing - February 08, 2024 at 02:29 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 - January 31, 2024 at 09:53 AM