
In Loving Memory Of
Gary Burr

Sunrise
June 17, 1952

Sunset
December 21, 2010



Thursday, December 30, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Eternity Funeral Services
129 Engle Street • Englewood, New Jersey

Pastor Michael Moultrie, Officiating

Obituary

Gary Burr was born on June 17, 1952 in New York, NY. His parents, John and Eva Burr moved to St. Albans Queens in 1959 where Gary grew up with neighbors and friends that he stayed close with throughout his life. He was educated in Catholic School, played the bass as a member of the school orchestra, enjoyed playing football, and loved his dog Beauty. He graduated High School in 1970 and went on to take courses at Hunter College.

Gary's first job was as an orderly at a local hospital. He worked at various other jobs until landing a full time position with Butler Aviation at LaGuardia Airport where he drove and operated a fuel truck and checked the planes' safety before departure. He loved planes so much he even took a flying lesson. He enjoyed meeting the celebrities who traveled on the planes he serviced, and loved telling stories about the people he met. After working there for ten years, he moved on to Airborne Express, where he was responsible for the transportation of valuable cargo to and from Newark Airport. Gary's current employment was with the United States Post Office as a motor vehicle operator in Manhattan, working the overnight shift to serve the needs of companies and industries before the start of business each day.

He was first married to Beverly Cain with whom he enjoyed a short marriage living in New York. Some years after their divorce, Gary was invited to a special barbeque given in his honor by his cousin Phyllis in Englewood, NJ where not only was he introduced to an extended family he never knew he had, but he met and fell in love with Phyllis's best friend and neighbor, Susan Grey.

Gary and Susan were united in marriage on September 8, 1984 at St. Paul's Church in Englewood. They were soon blessed with the birth of their beautiful son Jason on October 16, 1985. Jason was Gary's pride and joy, and Jason has inherited all of the best things about his father, including his unique sense of humor, his cool-headed approach to life, his confident sense of self, and his strong, broad shoulders. Gary's love for Jason was unquestionable, and he spent the better part of his life trying to protect and support his one and only. He was a most loving and devoted father, and was so proud to see his son make it through his younger years with no broken bones or police incidents, go on to attend college and graduate from Temple University, start off on a new career path in journalism, and become a grown man independent enough to move away from home and begin a new life on his own in the Washington, DC area.

Most people remember Gary as a cool guy. He loved jazz and was into Miles Davis, Oscar Peterson, Grover Washington, Jr. and the like even back in High School. Gary was so content sitting in solitude with his headphones in the wee hours of the morning when the world around him was at its quietest. He enjoyed watching sports on TV, science fiction classics, Star Trek and Twilight Zone reruns, and going to a matinee movie on his Mondays off where he would often be happy to find himself as the only person in the theater on a given afternoon. He loved Chinese food, cheesesteaks from Max's in Philadelphia, and Susan's homemade lasagna. He was particularly fond of large sizes, and everything about him was big - from the SUV he drove, to the size of the cups he loved to drink soda from, to size of his heart. Last year, Gary fulfilled a bucket-list dream he had had ever since he was young man, which was to own a motorcycle. In doing so, he made a host of new friends, found a new sense of freedom, and enjoyed peace and tranquility when riding, especially at dawn along the Palisade Interstate Parkway and just the way he liked it - with no traffic and a wide-open road.

Gary leaves many family members and friends to cherish his memory with love, including: his beloved son, Jason Burr; former wife, Susan Grey Burr; sisters, Catherine Burr-Bolder, Blanche Phillips and Diane Hendrix; cousins, Phyllis, Howard and Phillip Cowart; nephews and nieces, Rashidi and Malik Hendrix, Elsa Barnett, Derrick Phillips and Courtney and Brian Grey; lifelong childhood friend, Al MacDowell; and so many others that know in their hearts how much he cared and loved them.

Gary Burr was a special person. He reached many people and touched many lives. His time spent living on earth was well spent and he will never be forgotten.

Order of Service

Presiding

John Everett

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Germain

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 – Catherine Burr-Bolder

Obituary

Susan Grey Burr

Musical Selection

Al MacDowell

Scripture

Andrew Oliver

Reflections

Jason Burr

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Family and Friends

Eulogy

Pastor Michael Moultrie

Benediction

Interment

Cedarlawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Acknowledgement

*The family of Gary Burr acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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