



## Mr. John Leon Burke

February 4, 1953 - June 28, 2025

Mr. John Leon Burke was born on February 4, 1953 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Leon Porter and Claudia Burke. He made a peaceful transition from this life on June 28, 2025 at the age of 72 years with his wife by his side.

John was a resident of Saginaw, Michigan for over 60 years. He was raised in Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church and accepted Christ at an early age. He attended Saginaw Public Schools, graduating from Saginaw High in 1971. That same year he became employed at Malleable Iron Foundry Div. General Motors Corp. and was a member of UAW Local #455 for 36 years.

John and Lorna Suggs were joined in Holy Matrimony on October 2, 1987. Together they raised three sons, Reginald Morris, Matthew and Brandon Burke.

John was known for his strong personality, kind spirit, quiet confidence and quick laugh. John, when and if asked, would be the first to offer assistance or make a contribution. His kindness, generosity and love for his family will remain in the hearts of all who knew him. He built relationships and made memories that can't be replaced. His interests in tinkering on old cars and fishing were hobbies he learned from his grandparents and uncle. He also, enjoyed sports, especially football and basketball. He and a close friend were

the “statisticians” for their favorite Michigan and Indiana teams. Their passing on of this information often lead to many lively, but friendly, conversations. What he loved most was spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed traveling, especially if family was involved. Where they were, so was he! Cooking and playing cards were also favorite pastimes.

Mr. Burke leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 37 years, Lorna Burke; two sons, Matthew B. Burke, Detroit, MI and Brandon Burke, Grand Rapids, Michigan; eight grandchildren, Regine and Travoy Morris, Kira, Kaya, MiAngel, Quirke, Moriah, and A’Nylah Burke; one great-grandchild, Ty’Rieke Burke; two sisters, Alice and Loria Hatcher both of Saginaw; special cousins, Francis Stewart and Valerie Packard; nieces and nephews, Cherie Williams and Katrina Hardin-Rutland, Michael Williams, Alishia and Diamond Hatcher, DaVante Davis and Miguel Sanchez, Shontoria Hatcher, Ra’Niya and A’Nija Holmes; sister-in-law, Linda Suggs; a host of other relatives and friends, including the Morris family; special friends, Billy Nelson, Alfred Kelly, Ronald Reece, Sr., Eric Williams and Henry Johnson.

Mr. John L. Burke was preceded in death by a son, Reggie Morris; father, Leon Porter; mother, Claudia Burke; brother, James Williams; sister, Mary Williams; grandparents, Ray and Alice Hale; aunt, Arnita Hatcher; special cousin, Ernest and George Osborne and many other relatives.

The family would like to express special thanks to Residential Home Care and Visiting Nurses.

Family Hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2025 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607, with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Curtis Johnson will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.



# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



**Browne's Mortuary** - July 10, 2025 at 10:48 AM

SL

“ *Stephen Landrum lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



**stephen landrum** - July 16, 2025 at 10:56 AM

SL

*rip pops im so sorry i couldnt be there lonrna matthew and brandon ill always will be here for yall im so hurt by finding out this late may god be with yall i miss my godfather john i just lost my wife not long ago*

**stephen landrum** - July 16, 2025 at 10:59 AM

TB

“ *Rest well, classmate. Sending my condolences to Lorna and family.*



**Theonas Barry** - July 15, 2025 at 03:12 PM

MM

“ John (remember) in playing cards Marsha 3134085500

Marsha Maxey - July 13, 2025 at 12:15 AM

WF

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds And The Reynolds Fam lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds fam - July 11, 2025 at 10:03 AM

WF

Mr John I. Burke he is the most guy you will want to know and also he is my brother Steven Reynolds classmate of 71 of Saginaw high school. He would meet his classmates of 71 Steven Reynolds up in heaven..Im Steven Reynolds sister Wanda Faye Reynolds I'm here to celebrate of my brothers rip .The Burke Family God would be with you forever ❤️❤️

Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds fam - July 11, 2025 at 10:07 AM

WF

Also keep God in your life 🙏🙏

Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds fam - July 11, 2025 at 10:08 AM

WH

“ Big Brandon The Houston family wants you to know that were praying for you and your family.



Willie & Elaine Houston - July 11, 2025 at 09:47 AM

WH

“ *Willie & Elaine Houston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Willie & Elaine Houston** - July 11, 2025 at 09:42 AM

DA

“ *Deborah Aytch lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Deborah Aytch** - July 11, 2025 at 09:04 AM

CL

“ *Calvin And Phyllis Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Calvin and Phyllis Little** - July 10, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ 33 files added to the album LifeTributes



Browne's Mortuary - July 10, 2025 at 05:55 PM

GO

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Lorna and the family.

Gail B. Oliver - July 10, 2025 at 03:58 PM

CW

“ Cookey Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Cookey Williams - July 10, 2025 at 01:36 PM

LD

“ Lenora Durham lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Lenora Durham - July 10, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Leon Burke.*



July 10, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Mary J Givan Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



**Mary J Givan Lewis** - July 10, 2025 at 04:42 AM



“ *Lloyd Miller Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



**lloyd miller riley** - July 09, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Buford & Sallie Gaiter lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



**Buford & Sallie Gaiter** - July 09, 2025 at 04:53 PM

BU

“ *Sending prayers!*



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**Buffy** - July 09, 2025 at 08:31 AM

TB

“ *Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Burke family.*

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**Terri Herring and Portia Herring Brown** - July 08, 2025 at 04:30 PM

WL

“ *Willie Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Willie lee** - July 08, 2025 at 03:19 PM

CG

“ *The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Burke.*



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**Catherine Goodman** - July 07, 2025 at 03:28 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Fleming Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**peggy Fleming Scott** - July 07, 2025 at 12:01 PM

DH

“ *Delphine McMillan Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Delphine McMillan Hopkins** - July 06, 2025 at 10:55 PM

HC

“ *Sending love Prayers and condolences to the family*



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**Howard and Luanda Chenevert** - July 06, 2025 at 09:56 PM

VW

“ *Vicky Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Vicky Washington** - July 06, 2025 at 05:19 PM

PL

“ *Peggie Crews Lucas lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Peggie Crews Lucas** - July 06, 2025 at 02:30 PM

ML

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to you and your family 🙏  
Love You All  
John & Mary J Givan Lewis*



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**Mary J Givan Lewis** - July 06, 2025 at 11:07 AM

LW

“ *Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Louis Weems** - July 05, 2025 at 06:41 PM

HW

“ *Henrietta Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Henrietta Watson** - July 05, 2025 at 09:38 AM

AW

“ Arthur Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Arthur Williams - July 04, 2025 at 02:08 PM

DH

“ Danita Hollowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Danita Hollowell - July 04, 2025 at 04:23 AM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Larry Martin - July 04, 2025 at 12:15 AM

AH

“ Aretha Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Aretha Hairston - July 03, 2025 at 05:19 PM

RA

“ *To Lorna and family  
We offer our deepest condolences to you and  
your family. May the love of God be your  
strength during this time of loss. Had some  
good time with you and John and the crew.  
Love you,  
ReGina Adams  
Kennesaw GA*



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**Regina Adams** - July 03, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
John Leon Burke*



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**Yvette Wofford** - July 03, 2025 at 10:49 AM

AC

“ *Arwanda Conner lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
John Leon Burke*



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**Arwanda Conner** - July 03, 2025 at 10:01 AM

JB

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family to know John was to Love him, great memories*



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**Jeanette Betts** - July 02, 2025 at 08:03 PM

PL

“ *Pauline Lawrence Rest in peace. JOHN.*



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**PAULINE LAWRENCE** - July 02, 2025 at 06:41 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Belinda Barlow-Poole** - July 02, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CJ

“ *Cynthia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



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**Cynthia Jones** - July 02, 2025 at 05:17 PM

MJ

“ MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - July 02, 2025 at 11:40 AM

AJ

“ Amelia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Amelia Johnson - July 02, 2025 at 10:09 AM

KR

“ Kim Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Kim Ross - July 02, 2025 at 10:08 AM

SM

“ Stephanie Louis McClendon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Stephanie Louis McClendon - July 02, 2025 at 09:24 AM

M?

“ Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas. 🕯️ lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas. 🕯️ - July 02, 2025 at 08:09 AM

DH

“ Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Delta Hawkins - July 02, 2025 at 06:54 AM

MP

“ Lit a candle for John Leon Burke. Mary Ann Porter-Jones



Mary Ann Porter-Jones - July 01, 2025 at 11:58 PM

BR

“ Barbra Roberson/Dallas.Tx lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Barbra Roberson/Dallas.Tx - July 01, 2025 at 10:32 PM

AF

“ *Athen And Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



Athen and Margery Flournoy - July 01, 2025 at 09:46 PM

RW

“ *Rita Y Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



Rita y Williams - July 01, 2025 at 09:41 PM

EM

“ *Earl Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



Earl Martin - July 01, 2025 at 08:30 PM

DM

“ *Big John, you've been a good dude your whole life my friend, rest well, prayers to your family 🙏*



Derrell Martin - July 01, 2025 at 07:48 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McMillan-Hargrow lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



Barbara McMillan-Hargrow - July 01, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DA

“ *Dempsey Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



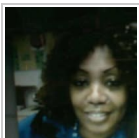
Dempsey Allen - July 01, 2025 at 03:55 PM

DM

“ *Lorna (Ma) and Matt my condolences and prayers are with you all. John will truly be missed.*



Denise Mayes - July 01, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke*



Joanie Williams - July 01, 2025 at 11:45 AM

SL

“ Stephanie Louis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Stephanie Louis - July 01, 2025 at 09:42 AM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Dona Austin-Bigby - July 01, 2025 at 08:27 AM

CF

“ Curry Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Leon Burke



Curry Family - July 01, 2025 at 05:46 AM

KJ

“ God's continued strength for you and family, Lorna.



KimberlyFay Jackson-Woodley - June 30, 2025 at 07:49 PM

VP

“ For my Sweet Cousin Lorna and Family,  
sending heartfelt condolences for the loss of  
John. I know you did your best and he fought  
his hardest. God wanted him at Home and at  
rest. Hold fast to all of your precious  
memories and good times. God said He would never leave us or  
forsake us. Cling to Him in the days to come. Love you much.



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**Valerie and Larrie Packard** - June 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM