



John Gary Burgess

January 13, 2009

Tamassee, SC—John Gary Burgess, 61, husband of Rita Silvey Burgess, of 320 Whitmire Church Road, Tamassee, SC, died Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens.

A native of Oconee County, Mr. Burgess was the son of the Ruby Nell Alexander Burgess of Salem and the late John Baylus “Square” Burgess, Jr. He was a long time self employed stone mason and was of the Baptist faith. Mr. Burgess was a veteran of the US Air Force.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Burgess is survived by son, Jonathan Scott Burgess of Walhalla; daughters, Tammy Wildes and husband Arthur of Bishop, GA and Melody Christie of Winterville, GA; brothers, Charles Burgess and Rick Burgess of Tamassee; and grandchildren, Lauren and Barrett Wildes.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Graveside at 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Whitmire Cemetery in Tamassee.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Friday, January 16, 2009 at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Little River Baptist Church, PO Box 482, Salem, SC 29676 or American Heart Association 3535

Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615.

The family is at the home of his mother, 260 N. Little River Road, Salem, SC.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Gary Burgess*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Tammy, Scott-We are sorry about your loss and if there is anything that we can do for you please let me know. Uncle Gary was a great person inside and out. He will be missed greatly. We loved him very much and we love you also very much.##imported-begin##Jamie and Lisa Sanders##imported-end##*

January 23, 2009 at 10:15 AM



“ *Gary was probably the most skilled and artistic stone mason I have ever worked with, a true master of his craft. He was creative in ways that could not be communicated through mere drawings. His loss is great to our entire construction community.*

My sympathy goes out to all of his friends and family.##imported-begin##Todd Pullen##imported-end##

January 21, 2009 at 02:38 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Gary's passing. I have worked with Gary over the years on numerous projects and have always thought that he was one of the most talented men I have ever met. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Alex Smith##imported-begin##Alex Smith##imported-end##*

January 21, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ *Mr.Burgess rocked our fireplace when we built our house 16 years ago.He was very gifted and talented with his work.It is still gorgeous.Sorry for your loss.We will keep your family in our prayers.May God bless you all in this time of need. Dean & Donna Swafford###imported-begin##Dean & Donna Swafford###imported-end##*

January 19, 2009 at 09:30 PM



“ *###imported-begin##JOHNNY & MARTHA BELT###imported-end##*

January 18, 2009 at 08:52 PM



“ *To The Family and especially Mrs. jB Burgess. We just wanted to tell you that you are in our thoughts and in our prayers and if there is ANYTHING at all that you need for us to do no matter how small please feel free to call on us. That is what friends are for. Blessings on each of you.
Larry & Barbara Smith###imported-begin##Larry & Barbara Smith###imported-end##*

January 17, 2009 at 02:30 AM



“ *###imported-begin##DON & KATHRYN STRICKLAND###imported-end##*

January 16, 2009 at 09:12 PM



“ Libby, Sara, and I will deeply miss Gary. He was the best mason in the South!
His work will live on, as will his spirit. When Gary set down the hammer and mortar, he loved to talk! And, I loved to listen to his stories. Everytime I look out my window and view his wonderful work I will remember him. God Bless.##imported-begin##Michael Keeshen##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 06:28 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I pray God will comfort you in this sad time of your life.##imported-begin##Glenda Towe##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 06:14 PM



“ Tammy and Scott,

Sorry for your loss, we will miss uncle Gary terribly. He was a great man and we loved him very much. We are here if you need us in any way.

Jason and Kathy##imported-begin##Jason and Kathy Barrett##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 04:17 PM



“ Gary did some work for us. I so much enjoyed talking with him when he would drop by the office. He shared his faith with me and spoke very lovingly of his family. He was always very positive and had a smile on his face. I certainly enjoyed knowing him.##imported-begin##Deena McCollum, The Berry Group LLC##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 03:39 PM



“ I always enjoyed working with Gary on our projects. His work was great and he always took pride in it. He was very talented. I am very sorry for your loss and will miss Gary.

Ken Berry

The Berry Group###imported-begin##Ken Berry###imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 03:37 PM



“ We send our sympathy to your family for the loss of Gary. He sure was a talented man.

Allen, Sherry & Zeke Moore###imported-begin##Sherry Rogers Moore###imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 12:33 PM



“ Burgess family, Gary has always carried himself with a warm/welcome presence. Anytime I ran into Gary when I visited family in Salem he always would make a point to speak with me. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Ben Whitmire###imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 09:23 PM



“ Tammy, you and your family are in our prayers. My heart goes out to you at this most difficult time. Jeanie###imported-begin##Jeanie Christopher###imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ *No one truly understands the loss that you are feeling now. But know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

With deepest sympathy,

*Dean and Jill Rose##imported-begin##Dean and Jill
Rose##imported-end##*

January 15, 2009 at 03:26 PM