



Steven Jacob Burkett

November 16, 1969 - April 9, 2025

In Loving Memory of a Remarkable Man

Steven Jacob Burkett beloved Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, and Friend

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After a courageous year-long battle with cancer, Steven passed away peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by love and memories that spanned a life well-lived.

He was the devoted husband of 31 years to Danielle, and the proud and loving father of Sophia Nicole—his girls were his world. A true “girl dad,” he cherished every moment spent as a Girl Scout leader for Sophia’s troop, relishing in the adventures and the bond they shared.

Born to George Burkett and Lydia Fishbaugh, he was a Long Island boy through and through, with a deep love for the beach and fond memories of growing up surrounded by family. Though he missed his New York roots and the family he left behind, he never regretted the move to North Carolina, where he built a beautiful life and career as an IT Manager for the State of North Carolina.

He was the beloved brother of George, Richard, and Nina, and a fun-loving uncle to twelve nieces and nephews. As a boy scout, he developed a lifelong love for camping, nature, and the art of storytelling. He and his brothers spent countless childhood hours inventing games, and he carried that creativity with him into adulthood, turning everyday moments into stories, always with a little bit of Bigfoot lore for good measure.

A passionate reader and writer, he was a huge sci-fi fan who believed in the magic of the universe and the power of imagination. He was an avid Seattle Seahawks and New York Yankees fan, proudly sporting his team colors and cheering with all his heart.

Despite his shy nature, his love for his family was something he shouted from the rooftops. He was goofy, open-minded, kind beyond words, and always ready to lend a hand. Quiet in his demeanor, but never in his love, his presence was a gift to all who knew him.

He often said, “As long as I’ve got my girls, I’m happy doing anything.” And he meant it. Whether it was a walk on the beach, a quiet evening reading, or a silly car ride, life with his family was everything.

He touched the lives of so many simply by being himself. He was the man of Danielle’s

dreams, the best father Sophia could ever ask for, and a friend to all who had the honor of knowing him.

He will be missed beyond words, loved beyond measure, and remembered always.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 17. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Mausoleum
7002 Green Hope School Road
Cary, NC 27519

Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent Stone - "If love could have saved you" was purchased for the family of Steven Jacob Burkett.



April 26, 2025 at 09:27 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the album family photos



Don - April 26, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ 144 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - April 16, 2025 at 01:02 PM

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“ Nicolette A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Jacob Burkett.

Nicolette A. - April 16, 2025 at 12:21 PM

MJ

“ Much love, Tonya, Elise, Joe purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Steven Jacob Burkett.



Much love, Tonya, Elise, Joe - April 16, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ X purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Steven Jacob Burkett.



X - April 16, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ X planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Jacob Burkett.

X - April 16, 2025 at 09:14 AM

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“ Nikki Sosnick , Stephanie,Bobby , Stscey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Steven Jacob Burkett.



Nikki Sosnick , Stephanie,Bobby , Stscey - April 15, 2025 at 12:34 AM

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“ Nick and Rebecca purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven Jacob Burkett.



Nick and Rebecca - April 14, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven Jacob Burkett.

April 12, 2025 at 04:25 PM