



Kevin Frank Burkett

January 23, 1992 - November 11, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kevin Frank Burkett, who left this world on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the age of 31. Kevin was born on January 23, 1992, in Newark, Delaware to his loving parents, Thomas and Elaine Burkett.

Kevin graduated from Concord High School with the class of 2010. He went on to become a critical care nurse specializing in cardiac care at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes. In his free time, he loved playing Dungeons and Dragons, listening to podcasts, and doing carpentry work. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, either gardening or doing yardwork, and was known for his homemade pizza. Kevin was a remarkable man who lived his life with laughter and compassion. His greatest joy was spending time with family and being an exceptional husband, father, brother, son, and friend.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas and Elaine Burkett; his wife, Kelly Staples; three daughters, Charlie Burkett, Briella Porter, and Carmen Staples; brother, Thomas M. Burkett (Hannah); sister, Katherine A. Burkett; sisters-in-law, Crystal Staples and Kathryn Clarke; nephews, Connor and Trevor Clarke; childhood friends, Matthew Schoch, Sean Buckley, Micah Walker, and Matthew Strazzella; and friend, Ryan A. Horsey. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Daniela Dobiszewski; paternal grandmother, Barbara Welle, and sister-in-law, Allison Staples.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. A visitation for family and friends will be on

Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00pm. Interment will follow the service in St. Stephens Cemetery in Delmar.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made towards Kevin and Kelly's daughter, Charlie Allison Burkett's, future education fund at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kevin-frank-burkett>.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com

Cemetery Details

St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street
Delmar, DE 19940

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Service

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Ryan Houck donated via Marianne George, unable to access link.

Sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your entire family.

-Ryan

Ryan Houck - November 20, 2023 at 03:31 PM

CM

“ I am so sad to hear this news. Kevin was such a great guy and will be deeply missed. My condolences go to Mr. and Mrs. Burkett, Tommy and Katie. Love always -

Colin McDermott - November 18, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved son. His love for his family and friends will remain. I hope you will draw strength from the love and support from those around you. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Jill Mermagen - November 18, 2023 at 10:39 AM

DT

“ Our sincerest condolences to your family from Beebe Healthcare.
David Tam

David Tam - November 17, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.*



November 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.*



November 17, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ *Tom and Elaine, so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage and lots of love at this time of sorrow. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. Debbie DiMaio Smith*

Debbie Smith - November 16, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Love the Buckley's and Roseann Dillman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Frank Burkett.*

Love the Buckley's and Roseann Dillman - November 16, 2023 at 06:14 PM

LD

“ Love the Buckley's and Roseann Dillman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.



Love the Buckley's and Roseann Dillman - November 16, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CI

“ Cindy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.



Cindy - November 16, 2023 at 06:07 PM

KN

“ Kara Back and Kate Nardo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Frank Burkett.

Kara Back and Kate Nardo - November 16, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.



November 16, 2023 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ THE LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER OF THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

We are so very sorry for the loss of your dear Kevin. The Compassionate Friends is a nonprofit, self-help support organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents. There are no religious affiliations, membership dues, or fees. We meet together to learn to cope with the struggles of living life without our precious children. Please feel free to join us on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Branford Lounge at Epworth Methodist Church on Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For more information call Jill Hicks at 610-368-0236. We wish you fond memories, peace, and healing. Your Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends - November 16, 2023 at 12:14 PM

KP

“ *The Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing faculty are holding Kelly close in our hearts. We will continue to pray for all of Kevin's family.*

Karen Pickard - November 16, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.*



November 16, 2023 at 10:20 AM

PC

“ *Our hearts go out to you all. Kevin had such a sweet spirit. Love and prayers, Paul and Wendy*

Paul and Wendy Cole - November 16, 2023 at 09:19 AM

PS

“ Tom and Elaine, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Peggy Siple - November 16, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.



November 16, 2023 at 01:17 AM

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“ -Tyler, Lauren & Adelaide Burkhardt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Frank Burkett.

-Tyler, Lauren & Adelaide Burkhardt - November 15, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.



November 15, 2023 at 08:15 PM

LT

“ Love, Michelle and Tony planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Frank Burkett.

Love, Michelle and Tony - November 15, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Frank Burkett.



November 15, 2023 at 07:11 PM

NP

“ I will treasure the time spent working with Kevin in the ICU and seeing him grow as a nurse. I will miss his silly humor and infectious laugh. He was a gentle soul with a heart full of compassion. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and I pray for his girls, Kelly, and his entire family as you all grieve through this hard time. Please know he will not be forgotten and he was a joy to know. God bless you all.

nicole pettyjohn - November 15, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your tragic loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Suzanne Shields - November 15, 2023 at 11:06 AM