



Anthony Michael Burdette

November 13, 1978 - December 31, 2025

Anthony "Tony" Michael Burdette, age 47, of Salesville, passed away on December 31, 2025, in Punta Gorda, Florida, after a long, courageous, and hard fought battle with cancer.

Tony was born to Lonnie "Toad" and Doris (Lent) Burdette on November 13, 1978, in Cambridge, Ohio. He was a 1998 graduate of Buckeye Trail High School and Mid-East Vocational School where he studied Machine Tooling. Throughout his life, Tony worked for Lumi-Lite Candle Company, JIT Packaging, Carter Concrete, Ohio Bridge, and Quanex. He was also taught to weld by his dad, and he used that skill all throughout his life.

He was an outgoing, curious man who loved to talk to people. He loved learning about new topics from anyone he could. He loved going to the Guernsey County Fair, and the Quaker City Festival. He loved working outside and always had a project that he was working on, and plans in his head for the next one. He loved board and card games, and was always researching new ones to try. He loved his cats and spoiled them endlessly, and he was always up for bringing another one into the family. When he was relaxing in his chair, he would always have several cats sleeping on him.

In 2024, he started volunteering at the Buckeye Trail Elementary School. He spent his days assisting Mr. Strasser with the gym classes. He truly loved hanging out with the kids all day and always came home with fun stories about them. He listened to them and would try to help them solve their problems, or encourage them if they were struggling with something.

He married the love of his life, Ashley (Archer) on April 10, 2010. They welcomed a daughter, Kaylin, in 2014, and a son, Rowan, in 2017. He loved his family with everything he had, and fought to stay with them for as long as he could.

Sadly, he was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in late 2016, which began his 9 year journey with cancer. He was cancer free in 2018, but his cancer returned in his lung in August 2019. He fought with everything he had for the last 6 years, through chemo, a broken hip, and brain surgery due to a cancerous tumor. Unfortunately his cancer continued to progress until his body just couldn't fight any more.

Tony is preceded in death by his parents, maternal grandparents (Clint and Emma Lent), paternal grandfather (Harold Burdette). He is also preceded in death by several of his beloved kitties Cocoa, Oreo, Miss Puss, Gypsy, Trixie, Gumby, and Little Guy.

Tony is survived by his beloved wife and children; a sister, Jill (CJ) Gilcher; his paternal grandmother, Marie Burdette; an uncle, Roy (Carol) Burdette; a niece, Callie Gilcher; several cousins, Seth (Kelly) Burdette, Casey Burdette, Allison Burdette, Noah and Nora Burdette, and the entire Thornton Family from Columbus, Steve, Wendy, Jenni, Ryan, Megan, Kari, John, Ashley, Hayden, Stephanie, Emily, Jack, Sophia, Elijah, Ayana, Ella, Luke, Landon, Charleigh, Vivian, and Nathan; found family, Jackie, Kyle, Kylie and Layken Cochran; in-laws, Mark and Stacy Wise and Cody and Kierston Archer; a lifelong friend Brad Klein; and several more beloved kitties, Teddy, Thor, Minnie, Butters, Whiskers, Mittens, and Sammy.

A celebration of life will be held at Buckeye Trail High School Auditorium 65555 Wintergreen Road Lore City, Ohio 43755, on January 17th, from 1-3 pm and the service will be at 3 pm officiated by David Wiley.

Memorial donations can be made in Tony's name to Maddy's Cat Rescue in Cambridge, Ohio. Tony's online guest book and tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

At a later date

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Buckeye Trail High School
65555 Wintergreen Rd
Lore City, OH 43755-9715
(740) 489-5005

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony Michael Burdette.*



January 16 at 03:08 PM



“ *From your Colgate-Palmolive Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Michael Burdette.*

From your Colgate-Palmolive Family - January 15 at 02:41 PM



“ *"Always By Your Side" Cardinal Stained Glass Memorial Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Anthony Michael Burdette.*



January 15 at 02:41 PM



“ *It was a pleasure getting to know Tony these last couple of years at the school. Truly an amazing man to be around. I already miss talking with him in the hallways. Love and prayers to all of his family! My heart goes out to you all. - Wes Shontz*

Wes Shontz - January 14 at 05:55 PM

SN

“ Sending condolences to Ashley, kids and family. We will continue to hold you in our hearts. We are so sorry for your loss.

Scott and Kim Norman - January 09 at 12:32 PM

KT

“ I never had the privilege knowing Tony but I know Ashley and I'm sending her all the prayers and support I have at the time of her loss. My heart goes out to you and both Families. He was much loved and that I do know.

Kris Talbot - January 07 at 03:33 PM

GA

“ Grandma, Uncle Roy, Aunt Carol, Casey & Allie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Anthony Michael Burdette.



Grandma, Uncle Roy, Aunt Carol, Casey & Allie - January 07 at 02:25 PM

DB

“ Ashley My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. With Deepest Sympathy Debbie Barrett



Debbie Barrett - January 06 at 01:13 PM

TF

“ The Winters Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Anthony Michael Burdette.



The Winters Family - January 05 at 08:36 PM

CB

“ Chad Burroughs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Michael Burdette.

Chad Burroughs - January 05 at 08:07 PM

CB

“ Chad Burroughs purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Anthony Michael Burdette.



Chad Burroughs - January 05 at 08:07 PM

CP

“ Tony was such a kind, loving person. He always had time for a conversation if you wanted or needed to talk to him. His smile would light up a room. I got the pleasure of knowing him in school, riding the bus with him and again to work with him at Quanex. My deepest condolences go out to his wife and children. To know Tony was to love him. Prayers to his friends and family. May God wrap his arms around them and help them through this difficult time. R.I.P Tony. Heaven will be a brighter with you up there.



Charity Patrick - January 05 at 07:41 PM