



## Gariel Vaughn Burchett

April 12, 1945 - March 30, 2024

Gariel Vaughn Burchett, 78, of Alpharetta, GA, passed away on March 30, 2024, from complications of pancreatic cancer, at North Fulton Medical Center, with his loving wife of 30 years, Sue Cox Kath Burchett, by his side. Gariel Burchett was born in Springfield, Tennessee in 1945 to James Wardell Burchett and Helen Doris Gregory Burchett who later moved to Bradenton, Florida to raise their family. Gariel attended Manatee High School and following graduation, joined the Army in September of 1964. He served for 4 years across the US, Europe, and Asia including time as a Sergeant in the 5th United States Army during the Vietnam War. Gariel was officially and honorably discharged in September of 1970 after which he pursued an undergraduate degree at George Mason University, graduating in 1978 in Accounting and Economics. Gariel's career included work with several major companies, but ultimately ended with his retirement from the US Department of Treasury serving as an International Finance Regulator.

Gariel was involved with a variety of charitable organizations and had a passion for community engagement. He was an active member of Alpharetta Methodist Church, devoting his time and energy to church affiliated groups including Alpharetta Methodist Men's Ministry and The Friendship Sunday School Class. He was also passionate about supporting first-responder and military personnel and was involved with charitable donations to the Tunnels to Towers mission and participated in the Wreaths Across America program. Gariel was engaged in various leadership positions within his neighborhoods

and communities throughout his life, including the HOA in Belleterre in Milton, serving on the City of Milton Planning Commission, the Board of Directors for Academy Park in Alpharetta, and on a number of committees for the neighborhood as well. Furkids Animal Rescue and Shelters also became a passion of Gariel's after learning of the organization in 2020. Gariel became involved with the transport of animals as well as fundraising efforts and made significant contributions to the organization over the course of several years. Gariel, along with his wife Sue, adopted 2 cats, Coco and Mandy, from Furkids after their 18 year-old kitty, Frannie, passed away in 2022. Finally, but certainly significant among other contributions not noted, Gariel and Sue have supported Georgia Southern University for many years. They have endowed a number of scholarships for the Parker College of Business and continue to support the Athletics program and the University overall.

Gariel was preceded in death by his parents James and Doris Burchett and brother Roy Greg Burchett. He is survived by his wife Sue, sisters Toni Burchett Dutcher of Wilkesboro, NC, and Vicky Burchett Keys of Trinity, FL, brother-in-law Don Cox (Carole) of Greenville, SC, 5 nieces/nephews, and 9 great nieces/nephews.

A memorial service in remembrance of Gariel Burchett will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 2 pm at Alpharetta Methodist Church (69 N. Main St, Alpharetta, GA 30009) with a casual reception to follow. A further celebration of life gathering will be organized and held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to one of Gariel's favorite nonprofits or your charity of choice would be greatly appreciated: Furkids Animal Shelter and Rescue ([furkids.org](http://furkids.org)), Tunnels to Towers Foundation ([t2t.org](http://t2t.org)), and/or Alpharetta Methodist Church ([amchurch.com](http://amchurch.com)).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory**

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Duna Cummings purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gariel Vaughn Burchett.



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**Duna Cummings** - April 26, 2024 at 09:21 AM

DC

“ Duna Cummings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gariel Vaughn Burchett.

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**Duna Cummings** - April 26, 2024 at 09:21 AM

BD

“ One of my absolute favorite guys to spend time and talk with at our special events. He was always so kind and gracious. I will miss him.

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**Bob Dickinson** - April 25, 2024 at 04:35 PM

LM

“ We will miss Gariel so much it's hard to put it in to words. We have enjoyed many afternoons with a glass of wine of the back porch planning our next cruise together. Life is just not the same without you our dear friend. Sue, we will always be here for you. Our love, Dan and Lisa

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**Lisa Mitnick** - April 25, 2024 at 03:57 PM

MA

“ Our sincere condolences to the family, classmates, and friends of our Manatee High School Class of 1963 Alumnus.

*Manatee High School Alumni Association  
Bradenton, Florida*

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**Manatee High School Alumni Association** - April 09, 2024 at 07:23 AM

DP

“ I worked with Gabriel at OTS for many years. He traveled and was not in the office very much. But I can remember how nice he was when he called needing supplies, etc. he was always easy going and kind to me.

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**Donna Powell** - April 08, 2024 at 10:57 PM

 Sandy  
Vineyard

“ I took care of Gariel and Sue's sweet kitty Frannie. Gariel and Sue traveled and saw family and friends frequently. He was a cat lover for sure. I am glad I was part of his journey in this life and I am sure we shall cross paths in Heaven. God Bless all his family And friends and especially Sue.

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**Sandy Vineyard** - April 08, 2024 at 10:30 PM

TV

“ Gariel will always have a special place in the hearts of the Valentine's. We met via the College Program "ACT" via AFUMC ironically in pursuit of a Georgia Southern student to mentor & support. After the 1st year with their student, they asked to re-up for all four years. It was not until several weeks I to the program did they learn it was our son (Victor) they picked off the board that day. The rest is just awesome times together both here in Alpharetta as well as Georgia Southern Football games. In short, he & Sue are simply family. A quiet man with a HUGE servant heart whom we aspire to follow. R.I.P. my friend until we share Habachi together again, but this time at the Lord's table!  
Tom, Debora & Victor Valentine



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**The Valentine's** - April 08, 2024 at 06:17 PM

SL

“ Gariel was a good and well-liked classmate to us all in high school. It is clear in knowing him for more years beyond and in reading this beautiful obituary, that his goodness and kindness only increased throughout his life. His love for family, friends and God were evident in his life. While we have lost someone special, Heaven has gained a special soul. The MHS Class of 1963 sends love, prayers and best wishes to Sue and all the family. Sue Frohock Layman

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**Sue Frohock Layman** - April 08, 2024 at 05:22 PM

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“ There is so much that could be said about Gariel as he was a wonderful person! I think a lot of it has already been stated in his obituary; however; I will say that I think so much of him because he married one of my dearest friends and brought true love and joy into her life. I was impressed with him the first time I met him with Sue. I pray that the Lord will be with each and every member of his family--Sue especially--and that the Lord will be your comforter now and in the days ahead! God Bless you all!



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**Terri Morris Grimm** - April 08, 2024 at 04:15 PM

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“ I am Gariel's sister, Toni. My memories are all the ways and times my brother supported me with love in all things. Gariel also loved and took great interest in his niece Traci and great nieces Sydney, Payton and Addison along with Katelyn, Kane. My brother was always so caring and dedicated to his family. He was definitely a Mama's boy. Our mother would shoo him out of the kitchen because that is where he wanted to be, right there beside his mom. I'm so proud of the person he was. He remains in my heart always.

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**Toni Burchett Dutcher (Sister)** - April 08, 2024 at 03:43 PM