



Mr. James W. "Chip" Burnham III

November 23, 1955 - January 9, 2017

James W. "Chip" Burnham, III, 61, of Roswell, passed away peacefully Monday, January 9, 2017.

He was born in Macon, Georgia November 23, 1955 to James W. Burnham, Jr. and the late Anne Burnham. Chip attended Stratford Academy in Macon and then the University of Georgia where he graduated from the Terry College of Business in Accounting. He was a brother in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in Athens. He then moved to Atlanta to work for Price Waterhouse and met Joy Meeks of Marietta whom he married in August of 1981 and had two children, Jonathan and Lauren.

Chip moved to Houston, Texas in 1980 where he was Manager of Finance for Milchem, Inc. and later Controller for a division of Baker International. In 1985 he became Vice President of Finance of Ned Lloyd/ Maersk based in Singapore. In 1988 Chip returned to Atlanta where he was first Controller for the World Championship Wrestling division of Turner Broadcasting and then a Promoter. Most recently, he has been a Financial Advisor to many clients in the Roswell office of Raymond James .

Chip loved his work helping people achieve their goals in life. He served as an Ambassador of the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce and was twice recognized as the Ambassador of the year. His favorite sport was football and he played on a semi-pro team while living in Houston. He loved to play in golf

fundraisers with his Dad and two brothers, Matt and Robert. He enjoyed playing in the Burnham Fantasy Football league which he won as champion this season. He also loved playing with his grandson, Tyler, who was born to Jon and his wife Rikki in October 2014. Chip had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh and share laughter with his family.

Chip is survived by his children Jonathan Burnham and Lauren Burnham of Roswell and grandson Tyler Burnham. He was the eldest of five children and is survived by his father, James, Jr., siblings Matt Burnham of Marietta, Robert Burnham of Macon, Carol Elmore of Martinsville, Virginia, and Joy Williams of Marietta.

A memorial service will be held at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors on Saturday, January 14, 2017. The family will begin receiving friends at 1:00pm and the memorial service will begin at 2:00pm in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation is requested to be made to American Stroke Association

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James W. "Chip" Burnham III*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Just discovered the passing of Chip Burnham. I met Chip 19 years ago with WCW. Chip hired me as an Assistant Event Coordinator. Chip was a positive and smart promoter. I especially remember Chip promoting a unique program for children with special needs and life threatening illness to meet the WCW Wrestlers. Chip embraced Georgia Bulldog Football and we always talked about the SEC Football. Most of all, Chip loved his family and loved our Great Nation. We always exchanged Christmas Cards and what the meaning of holidays meant. Thank you Chip for making this world a better place to live and your friendship will be missed.*

David Yarborough - December 19, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ *I've known Chip for many years now, and he's connected me to so many other people as well as being a great business connection and friend. I am so sorry to learn of his passing. This is a terrible loss for his family, and for many others. Loraine M. DiSalvo*

Loraine M DiSalvo - April 24, 2017 at 08:01 AM

SB

“ I met Chip when we worked together at WCW. He was always so cheerful, positive and helpful. And as our time at WCW ended, he later became my trusted financial advisor and friend. He will truly be missed by all who loved him and knew him. My most sincere condolences to his family during this time of sorrow and loss.

Susan Bowling - January 16, 2017 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jon Burnham - January 13, 2017 at 08:32 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. James W. "Chip" Burnham III.



January 13, 2017 at 03:26 PM

GJ

“ I worked with Chip for all the years that WCW was in business. There was not a friendlier or more energetic person in the organization. Chip always maintained a positive attitude and was a pleasure to be around. I know he will be missed by many. He was just one of the really good guys. So sorry he is gone so soon.

Gary Juster

Gary Juster - January 13, 2017 at 01:43 PM

WS

“ I llucked out when i met Chip. I had been forced due to my health to take disability retirement from my Union in Atlanta. As a consequence my retirement account from the local got dumped in my lap sooner than expected. I was pitifully unprepared and sick as well. I had been doing business with my bank for 30 years in Midway...and knew the manager fairly well. I was kinda looking for advice on my mess when she said i should talk to this guy that just happened to be there that day. It was Chip. My local had been trying to flim flam me into a a financial situation and Chip listened, and explained to me what was going on. He literally saved my pension and set me on a secure path . I realised then i had been blessed with meeting him. I told him a while later about the fact i really believed he was an answer to prayers i hadnt even made. He was my friend and advisor...a very special person. God Bless his family...i know you have endured a great loss....because i am feeling it too. I know heaven gained a fine soul...I will miss him.

W.L."Slick" Strickland - January 12, 2017 at 10:04 PM

DE

“ Chip, another friend and I met Chip about 20 years ago at WCW. We quickly became friends and started a lunch tradition (daily at first when we worked at WCW and then monthly since 2001) that survived all the way to 12/30/16 when we had the last lunch. I love this man's attitude, demeanor, personality, and enthusiasm. Never a time when he did not have time to talk to me. He made me feel important every time we talked or met. I was amazed at what he did in his life. Controller, event promoter, merchandise manager, then of all things, an investment adviser with a major brokerage. He did everything very well. Chip was so proud of his grandson and showed us videos of the toddler pickup truck that his grandson got for Christmas. He was so proud.

I will miss the monthly lunches and the occasional discussions we had about wrestling and the dawgs. I had a nickname for Chip, it was "Buck" (it is a long story not to share here). I will miss Buck greatly! My prayers are with his wife, children , and grandson.

Don Edwards - January 12, 2017 at 06:13 PM

ML

“ To all of the Burnham family, I am so sorry for your loss...I haven't seen "Chipper" (as I knew him as young teens in Northwoods subdivision) since our high school days but I asked about him when I became friends with Robert on Facebook. I remember vividly playing cards at your parent's home so often with Chipper and other friends (we even played poker before poker was cool...lol). I pass your family home every day still and fondly see your Dad walking about in the yard from time to time. Godspeed Chip, welcome Home.

Mike Lewis - January 12, 2017 at 04:02 PM

BW

“ Chip was a guy that enthusiastically loved life. As one of Chip's groomsmen and co-worker at Price Waterhouse I have countless memories of fun times with Chip, including some memorable road trips in his hot corvette. Chip and I used to have fun going on about Live Atlanta Wrestlingand I always thought it was a trip that Chip actually became CFO of a wrestling organization. Unbelievable!

Years later, it was great catching up with Chip through the North Fulton Chamber.....still the same guy...enthusiastic, optimistic and funny.

Chip, somewhere up there I hope you are coming off the top rope with a "bionic elbow" and ready to put a fellow angel in a "figure four leg lock". Going to miss you my friend!

Bob Woosley - January 12, 2017 at 09:04 AM

DJ

“ Chip was a beloved guy in our early morning gym group and his passing makes me pause to give thanks to our Lord for bringing us together to enjoy each others company in masterful ways. I would have probably never known him without the morning work outs at the gym. For that I am deeply appreciative and reflective on all of the fun and laughs we had together with him and amongst our group. I will cherish memories of our relationship through laughs about college football and other topics of interest. Chip will be missed.

Dennis James

Dennis James - January 12, 2017 at 03:57 AM

LM

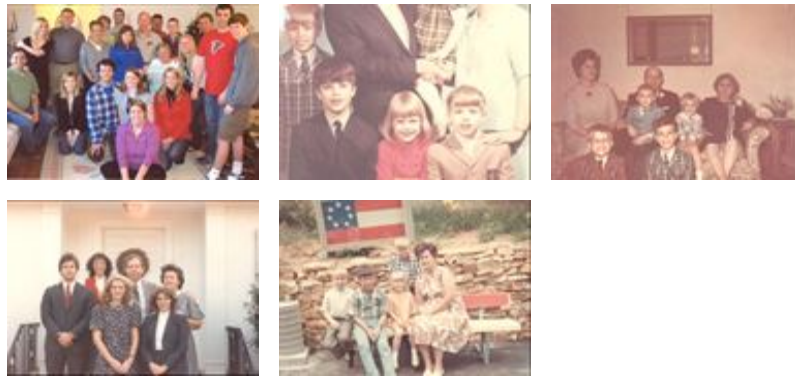
“ Chip was a fellow Ambassador for the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce and that is how we met. He always had a smile or a joke or was talking about something with positive energy. His good nature will really be missed by all ... sending condolences to entire family.

- Lisa Machado, Visiting Angels

Lisa Machado - January 11, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ 569 files added to the album LifeTributes



Northside Chapel - January 11, 2017 at 04:20 PM

FB

“ Thoughts and prayers.
Kathy and Grant Bennett

fkathy bennett - January 11, 2017 at 03:04 PM

JS

“ Chip was my financial advisor and friend. Our relationship spanned many years. My thoughts are with you as you deal with with your grief.

Joe Sugg

Joe Sugg - January 11, 2017 at 02:39 PM

KF

“ King's Grant Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. James W. "Chip" Burnham III.



King's Grant Family - January 11, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James W. "Chip" Burnham III.



January 11, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James W. "Chip" Burnham III.



January 10, 2017 at 11:40 PM