



## Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr.

December 26, 1936 - January 5, 2016

John Warner "Jay" Burgess, Sr., age 79, of Alpharetta, passed away January 5, 2016. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 9, 3:00 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. Rev. Bud Sutton officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday 2:00 - 3:00 prior to the service at the funeral home. The family is accepting flowers, and also encourage donations in Jay's name to the charity of your choice that cares for children in need.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
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## Service

JAN 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I'll always treasure the five years, from 1988 until John's retirement in 1993, which we shared as colleagues at the Fernbank Planetarium in Atlanta. John was a kindly gentlemen, always ready to help and share stories about the early days at the Science Center. Over his 25 year tenure, he touched many lives as a planetarium lecturer, explaining the workings of the cosmos to tens of thousands of children. You'll be missed and never forgotten -- Ad Astra John!*

**Ed Albin** - January 15, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *I'm glad Mozelle and I got to spend an hour with John on this past Sunday. He was a friend and a great teacher. He will be missed.*

**David Funderburk** - January 09, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ *David & Mozelle Funderburk and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr..*



**David & Mozelle Funderburk and family** - January 09, 2016 at 07:45 AM

MF

“ *Many joys, lots of laughter and treasured memories of years of friendship and collaboration. He stands among the stars now.* ”

Mozelle Funderburk - January 09, 2016 at 06:57 AM

TG

“ *RIP, Jay, I valued you as a friend . Never to be forgotten.* ”

Theresa Gilmore - January 08, 2016 at 04:52 PM

TG

“ *Theresa Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr.* ”



Theresa Gilmore - January 08, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr..* ”



January 08, 2016 at 03:46 PM

“ John ("Mr. Burgess") was and will always be a mentor and friend. As a budding high school amateur astronomer and telescope maker, I was introduced to John many years ago...in the early 70's...His always-positive insight and desire to communicate his knowledge was something I looked forward to on my weekly visits to Fernbank Science Center - a home-away-from-home to some of us.

*We can celebrate his influence and enthusiasm in conveying his knowledge of the night sky to those of us fortunate enough to have worked around him...Godspeed John on your continuing journey.*

*Suddenly before my eyes  
Hues of indigo arise  
With them how my spirit sighs  
Paint the sky with stars*

*Only night will ever know  
Why the heavens never show  
All the dreams there are to know  
Paint the sky with stars*

*Who has placed the midnight sky  
So a spirit has to fly?  
As the heavens seem so far now,  
Who will paint the midnight star?*

*Night has brought to those who sleep  
Only dreams they cannot keep  
I have legends in the deep  
Paint the sky with stars*

*Who has placed the midnight sky  
So a spirit has to fly?  
As the heavens seem so far now,  
Who will paint the midnight star?*

*Place a name upon the night  
One to set your heart alight  
And to make the darkness bright  
Paint the sky with stars.*

*"Paint The Sky With Stars" - Enya*

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**Paul D** - January 08, 2016 at 02:08 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear the news of John's passing. John was very kind and helpful in "showing me the ropes" around the planetarium when I started working here at Young Harris College. He was also good to check in with me from time to time in those first years to make sure things were going okay. He will be missed.

*Sincere condolences to the family,*

*Steve Morgan  
Planetarium Director  
Young Harris College*

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**Steve Morgan** - January 08, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr..



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January 07, 2016 at 06:51 PM

EF

“ *Elsie and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr..*



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**Elsie and family** - January 07, 2016 at 05:08 PM

BE

“ *Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr.*



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**Beverly** - January 07, 2016 at 04:10 PM

NA

“ *How do I begin to say goodbye to a dear friend ; I won't . I , along with so many family members and friends , will always carry a part of Jay in our hearts and memories until we meet again, and I take solace this morning knowing that Jay and my brother, David . . . best friends . . . have met again, and are having great fun this morning swapping the thousands of stories from their youth till David's death .*

*God's speed, Jay.*

*Love,  
Nan*

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**Nan** - January 07, 2016 at 07:58 AM

PD

“ *Paul Dill purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. John W. "Jay" Burgess Sr..*



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**Paul Dill** - January 06, 2016 at 04:46 PM