



Kevin Scott Burgess

August 3, 1965 - November 29, 2023

Kevin Scott Burgess, 58, of Harriman passed away November 29, 2023 at Roane Medical Center. Born to the late R.P. and Hazel Burgess on August 3rd, 1965, he was the youngest of 9 children. He was a lifelong resident of Harriman, TN.

Kevin started his distinguished career in the reinforcing steel industry fresh out of high school on August 29th 1983 in Knoxville Tennessee. He worked for 35 years at 1919 Tennessee Avenue for Steel Services, Florida Steel, Ameristeel, Gerdau Ameristeel, Gerdau, and CMC. Kevin who was affectionately known at work as Calvin or the Big Show was recognized by his co-workers for his dedication, leadership, wit and being a trusted friend to everyone. In January 2019, Kevin started at Volunteer Rebar in Nashville Tennessee as a Fabrication Supervisor. Kevin was instrumental in the success of the newly formed business and served as a mentor to many employees until he retired in July 2022 after almost 39 years.

Kevin is survived by his wife Cynthia Burgess, daughter Monica (Case) Tedder; grandchildren Pike and Marley Tedder; brothers, Mike (Tonia) Burgess, Jim (Darlene) Burgess, Ron (Teresa) Burgess, and Doug Burgess; brothers-in-law Donnie Wilson and Don Connelly; special friends J.R. (Elaine) Sims, John (Carol) Rhea, and Roger (Suzanne) Hipsher; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, R.P. and Hazel Burgess; sisters, Dianna Connelly and Wanda Burgess; brothers Rueben (Macy) Burgess, and

Ricky (Vickie) Burgess; and sister-in-law Eleda Burgess.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, December 5th at 2 pm at the Burgess Family Memorial Cemetery of the Harriman City Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow from 4-7 pm at The Victoria Event Center located at 316 Ruritan Rd. Harriman, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites anyone who knew Kevin to join us at the celebration of life event. If unable to attend, the family requests fond memories and expressions of sympathy to be left on the Kyker Funeral Home tributes page.

Cemetery Details

Harriman Cemetery

Cemetery Rd
Harriman, TN 37748

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Harriman Cemetery
Cemetery Rd
Harriman, TN 37748

Celebration of Life

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Victoria Event Center
316 Ruritan Rd.
Harriman, TN 37748

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *When I first met Kevin, when my Mom (Macie) and my stepdad which I thought more of a dad Reuben. I did something stupid one night, in Harriman at Sonic. I think, I was 16 or 17 at the time. Kevin, told Reuben what I did. Needless to say my stupidity got me grounded for a month. It was nice, to know somebody was watching. I didn't even get upset, that I got told on. It showed even know I wasn't biologically family. He treated me as family.*

Patricia Conner - December 04, 2023 at 08:05 PM

JW

“ After hearing the news, I've tried to pull a memory that captures Kevin but that's impossible to narrow it down like that. I would need a book or better yet, a comedy movie. I worked with Kevin in some form or fashion for about 18 years while I worked for Gerdau. About 12 of those being at KNX RF. I am so appreciative for Kevin during a very turbulent time in my life. During a stretch I was transitioning into a new position within the company as well as going through a divorce and navigating becoming a single parent of two. At work, Kevin was so helpful and easy to go to with questions. Usually, he would crack a joke at my expense (but never hurtful) then educate me on whatever I was unclear on. He was instrumental in giving me the knowledge and confidence to be successful in my new role at work which allowed me to do things I never thought I could handle. Outside of work, Kevin, Mr. Sims and Mr. Hipsher took me under their collective wings and helped me to see that divorce is not always a bad thing and that I could be a single parent, raising successful and happy children. With Kevin's direct intervention he not only helped me become a better employee but he unknowingly helped guide the futures of my children. I am forever grateful that my path crossed Kevin's and that he was kind enough to help me, but that was Kevin. Always helpful and always lightening the situation. He will be missed by any lucky enough to have known him. Thank you Kevin, rest easy.

Jim Wrigley - December 04, 2023 at 06:40 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and ware with you all at this time. Will miss Kevin. I remember shortly after Dianna and I were married we were visiting and one morning I was shaving when Kevin walked in and wanted to shave. I think he was about 6 but I lathered him up and gave him a razor. (no blade was in it). He seemed pretty excited about his fit shaving lesson.

Don Connelly - December 04, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Scott Burgess.*



December 04, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies at this great loss. Working with Kevin for almost 20 years was a joy! Right from the start he helped me learn the ropes, answered my questions, got me the information I was looking for, put me in touch with the right person...always with the best attitude, a smile, a good-natured ribbing, a joke. The world has truly lost a fine man.*

Margie Hess - December 04, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin Scott Burgess.*



December 04, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *It's rare to meet such a genuine person and he was one them people , god bless his soul!!!*

Donald Morgan - December 04, 2023 at 10:34 AM

MH

“ *The world has lost a truly great person. Kevin was a great fellow to work with and an awesome mentor. I’ve never known anyone with the ability to do math so quickly in his head as he could, and his sense of humor made him truly one of a kind. I’ll be planting a tree in his memory. My only problem is choosing the right kind of nut.*

Maureen Hatmaker

Maureen Hatmaker - December 04, 2023 at 09:57 AM

YR

“ *Your Friends at Volunteer Rebar/Fabco purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Kevin Scott Burgess.*



Your Friends at Volunteer Rebar/Fabco - December 04, 2023 at 09:37 AM

YR

“ *Your Friends at Volunteer Rebar/Fabco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Scott Burgess.*

Your Friends at Volunteer Rebar/Fabco - December 04, 2023 at 09:37 AM

SH

“ *Kevin was a great man that will be greatly missed. He taught me a lot at work and always had a way of getting a laugh out of everyone with either a quick remark or just giving that look. My condolences to the family and to his extended work family.*



Steven Horn - December 04, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Scott Burgess.



December 03, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Sarah, Kady, & Billy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Scott Burgess.

Sarah, Kady, & Billy - December 03, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Monica, I was so saddened to hear about your dad. Kevin was a wonderful person and I am fortunate to have known him.

cindy kemmer - December 02, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ Cindy, Tim & I are very sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. He was a good man & friend. He will be missed. You and the family are in our thoughts & prayers.

Tim & Anji LaRue

Anji LaRue - December 02, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Praying for you, Cindy, Monica, and the whole Burgess family!

Anna Connelly - December 02, 2023 at 05:39 PM

KK

“ Monica, my heart breaks for you hearing about your Dad. I'm so sorry.

Kim Henley Kennedy - December 02, 2023 at 01:40 PM

WS

“ With deepest, sympathy, MAK SIVICHANE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Scott Burgess.

With deepest, sympathy, MAK SIVICHANE - December 02, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Scott Burgess.



December 02, 2023 at 12:37 PM

MS

“ Kevin was a very caring and kind person. He wouldn't hesitate to yell at u and joke around. He was the best supervisor. Rest in Paradise

MAK Sivichane

MAK Sivichane - December 02, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Scott Burgess.*



December 02, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *LeeAnn and Harold Johnson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Scott Burgess.*

LeeAnn and Harold Johnson and family - December 02, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Kevin and Prayers to the Family. Worked with Kevin at Ameristeel for 22 years and will always remember his kindness and wit. Kevin was a Personable Friend and Buddy that one does not forget, RIP my Friend.*

Jimmy Reed - December 02, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kevin Scott Burgess.*



December 01, 2023 at 09:22 PM