



## James Rudolph Burgess

December 6, 1929 - March 17, 2014

James Rudolph "Rudy" Burgess, 84, of 903 Broad St., Altavista died Monday, March 17, 2014 at Autumn Care of Altavista. He was the husband of Lucy Driskill Burgess for sixty-three years.

He was born December 6, 1929 in Altavista, a son of the late Jesse King Burgess and Annie Mason Burgess. He was an active member of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday School Superintendent and Methodist Youth Fellowship Counselor, while serving on the Board of Trustees, Pastor Staff, and Finance Committee. He retired from Paul Farmer Inc. with 43 years of service. Rudy was elected to the Altavista Town Council in 1972 and served 16 years, was elected Mayor in 1988 and served for 24 years. He further served his community as a past member of the Southside Business and Education Commission, the Region 2000 Partnership, Cub Master of Pack 184 for 10 years, and served on the Altavista Fire Company for 25 years. Considering the many contributions to the Altavista community, Rudy was honored as Altavista's Outstanding Citizen in 1978.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Marshall Burgess and his wife Debbie of Charlotte, NC and Bubba Burgess and his wife Debbie of Cumberland; two daughters, Jane Hudgins and her husband Mike of Altavista and Lucy Austin and her husband Wendell of Roanoke Rapids, NC; a brother,

Bill Burgess of Altavista; nine grandchildren, four step grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth Davis; and three sisters, Susie Burgess, Ludie Pugh and Nellie Arthur.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Lane Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. Alan Combs and Rev. Rick Woodall with interment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-3:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Ave., Altavista, VA 24517.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Visitation

MAR 21. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lane Memorial United Methodist Church  
1201 Bedford Avenue  
Altavista, VA 24517



# Tribute Wall

RS

“ dear family,  
a minute ago I saw an interview with Rudy on Austrian TV. The interview was taken in 2008. It was a pleasure to listen to him! He is remembered, even in Austria! best wishes from Austria!  
Rudy S.

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**Rudolf Stelzhammer** - November 05, 2024 at 02:56 PM

KB

“ Dear Burgess Family,  
My deepest condolences on the loss of Rudy. I had the wonderful pleasure of accompanying my grandmother, Maude Buffalo, and mother on a trip some years ago to Canada and Niagara Falls and Rudy and his wife were also on board. We had a wonderful time, and I loved listening to his stories and take on everything. He was delightful company and made the trip especially enjoyable for me. Mother sent me the article from the Journal and what a fine tribute, as they said, "to the kind of man they don't make anymore." I was sad to hear of his passing and that he had been ill. May he rest in peace.

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**Kimberly Burton** - May 22, 2014 at 05:34 PM

BH

“When I moved to Altavista at the age of 10 , I was really scared and worried about finding friends. My new neighbors stopped by and I met Beth Burgess for the first time. She became my best friend. I still miss her. In time, I met the whole family and they took me in like one of their own. Later that summer we were all at the public swimming pool. I had never gone off of the high dive in my life. Mr. Burgess told me that I shouldn't be afraid and he stood at the side of the pool encouraging me as I trembled with every step up the ladder. Standing out in the middle of the air with a tiny board separating me from what looked like an ocean, I kept hearing him say "It's okay. You can do it!". I finally took a deep breath, fell headfirst off the board, and came back up to the surface. There was Mr. Burgess. He didn't yell or clap; he just said " There you go. Do it again" and turned and went to play with his children. I have never forgotten how he gave me the confidence to go where I had not gone, to do what I thought I feared and to know that, sooner or later, I would come back up to the top. It was a life lesson and I thank you, Rudy. I know Heaven is rejoicing to welcome another good and faithful and giving servant. My prayers are for peace for your family and moments of joy as they remember how much you love them.”  
Betty Kershaw Hudson  
Lynchburg, VA

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**Betty Kershaw Hudson** - March 24, 2014 at 09:11 AM

RG

“ Dear Burgess Family,  
I am sorry for your loss, God must have needed a special leader in Heaven, Mr. Burgess was one of the finest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He along with Mrs. Burgess raised a family of the best mannered, respectful children any family ever had. As people look back and reflect on how Mr. Burgess touched their lives, may we all thrive to live by the example he showed with his life achievements in service to his community, church and last but not the least his family. I'm sure when he got to Heaven, the Lord said "fine and faithful servant enter into the Kingdom of Heaven".  
Ray Guill  
Danville, Va.

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Ray Guill - March 21, 2014 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ Dear Lucy and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Rudy's death. He was a wonderful man. We can all learn a lot from how he lived his life! He lived by the Golden Rule in all walks of his life. He will be truly missed, but at last he is without pain and at peace. Love, Susan Harbrook



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Susan and Michael Harbrook - March 21, 2014 at 04:45 PM

RH

“ *Bubba,  
My family would like to send our condolences to you and your family. Rudy was a gentleman among gentleman. I am blessed to have ever been in his presence. Now he is in a better place and the pain and worries are gone. Bless you and your family in these difficult times.*

*Love you Brother,  
Rusty Hutchison*

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**Rusty Hutchison** - March 21, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Rudolph Burgess .*



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March 21, 2014 at 08:20 AM

FS

“ *Deepest sympathies to the family and especially to Bubba, my childhood friend.*

*Fred Singleton*

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**Fred Singleton** - March 20, 2014 at 09:10 PM

MS

“ Allison,  
*I would like to extent my deepest sympathy to you and your family during the loss of your grandfather. I'm sure your grandfather knew how much you loved him, and he is now resting in peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Michelle Steele*

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**Michelle Steele** - March 20, 2014 at 03:49 PM

TM

“ *Dear Marshall and Lucy and all, We are so sorry to hear of Rudy's passing. You are in out thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. In deepest sympathy, Larry, Tammy, L'Larry, Erin and Kevin McMahan*

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**Tammy McMahan** - March 20, 2014 at 02:20 PM

SB

“ *Dear Lucy and family,*

*How sad to learn of the passing of your beloved Rudy. I am so glad you had a long loving marriage together. I still remember you in pigtails as my next door neighbor when we first moved to Altavista, and the many evenings playing croquet until dark on your parents' front lawn. Please know you are in my prayers as you face the difficult days ahead without your soulmate. Love, Shirley Mayhew Bailey, Burke, VA*

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**Shirley Mayhew Bailey** - March 20, 2014 at 01:01 PM

FB

“ *FRANKIE & TERESA BURGESS lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**FRANKIE & TERESA BURGESS** - March 20, 2014 at 12:15 PM

RV

“ *Robin Dudley Vaughan lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Robin Dudley Vaughan** - March 20, 2014 at 06:12 AM

RV

*Dear Family, so sorry for your loss, Marshall you may remember me as Robin Dudley from school. My mom was across the hall from Rudy at Autumn Care and I remember speaking to him on his birthday last year, even at that time he still had that same sweet voice I remember from over the years. May GOD be with you all and give you comfort and peace during your time of loss*

**Robin Dudley Vaughan** - March 20, 2014 at 06:17 AM

MR

“ *Ruddy delivered gas to my families store in Huddleston for years. He became a dear friend to us all! He was such a good man and he and my Dad would exchange tales and laugh a lot. We lost Dad, Kenneth Heptinstall in 1991 and our Mom, Edna just one year ago tomorrow! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as we too miss them all.*

*Myra Heptinstall Russell and Family*

**Myra Heptinstall Russell** - March 19, 2014 at 10:07 PM

TF

“ Hi Lucy & Family. We are so sorry about Rudy's passing and want you to know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Rudy was loved by so many people, including all of our family. We would like so much to be able to come to his service or to visitation with you, but previous commitments are preventing us from coming. We hope to see you before long and will continue to remember you in our prayers. Love, Tom & Gigi

Tom & Gigi Foster - March 19, 2014 at 09:10 PM

MM

“ Mary Moses-Hicks sent a virtual gift in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Mary Moses-Hicks - March 19, 2014 at 08:42 PM

MM

Mr. Burgess "Rudy" was a good man. A friend to all. Will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers for his family.

Mary Moses-Hicks - March 19, 2014 at 08:44 PM

DR

“ God bless yall to have a dad like Rudy. He was a great man who all of us enjoyed being around. Donnie Reynolds

Donnie Reynolds - March 19, 2014 at 08:13 PM

PM

“ Dear Burgess Family, Rudy was a very special human being, husband, father and grandfather whose passing has left an enormous hole in your lives. He was a man who took life as it was handed to him and made the best out of every situation. He may be gone from this world, but he will always be in the hearts and minds of you, his family, and the many people who loved him and have special memories.

Love and prayers,  
Patti, Don and John Morton



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**Patti Morton** - March 19, 2014 at 11:54 AM

PM

“ Patti Morton lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Patti Morton** - March 19, 2014 at 11:50 AM

JJ

“ Mayor Rudy was the first person that I met when I moved to Altavista. He and his family became very good friends. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lots of love,  
Janet and Cecil Jessee

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**Janet Jessee** - March 19, 2014 at 08:39 AM

BE

“ *RIP Rudy you were the face of Altavista .*



**benny** - March 19, 2014 at 08:19 AM

JF

“ *Jennie Foreman lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Jennie foreman** - March 19, 2014 at 06:58 AM

JF

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God's grace and peace be a comfort to you at this time.*

**Jennie foreman** - March 19, 2014 at 06:59 AM

TW

“ *Timothy N. Wilde lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Timothy N. Wilde** - March 18, 2014 at 10:39 PM

CL

“ *He was a wonderful and kind man. He will be truly missed.*  
*Philip and Carolyn Little*



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**Carolyn C Little** - March 18, 2014 at 10:29 PM

FM

“ *What an exceptional man!!! Rudy knew how to get things done, had a great sense of humor and never met a man he could not communicate with or get along with. He was a walking book of knowledge when it came to Altavista. It will be impossible to replace a man like Rudy and his love for the town. Rudy was truly was one of a kind. The love he shared with his wife and family was a thing of beauty. I, and thousands of others, will miss Rudy more than words can describe, but all of us are better off having known him. God bless!*

*Frank Murray*

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**Frank Murray** - March 18, 2014 at 10:12 PM

MR

“ *In my thoughts and prayers! He will be missed!*

*Marsha Ramsey*

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**Marsha Ramsey** - March 18, 2014 at 09:20 PM

BG

“ *Bill And Betty Gillespie lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Bill and Betty Gillespie - March 18, 2014 at 09:14 PM

BG

*Truly one of a kind who will greatly be missed. You are in our prayers. Bill and Betty Gillespie*

Bill and Betty Gillespie - March 18, 2014 at 09:15 PM

SI

“ *Steve's Florist Inc. lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Steve's Florist Inc. - March 18, 2014 at 08:03 PM

JC

“ *Jane Carter lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Jane Carter - March 18, 2014 at 06:55 PM

RB

“ *With Sympathy, Ricky & Evelyn Bell*



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**Ricky & Evelyn Bell** - March 18, 2014 at 05:28 PM

GP

“ *To the Burgess family. We are so sorry to hear of the death of Rudy. He was a great leader to this community and a dedicated family man. I know it will be hard, but we are praying God's peace to each and every one of you. Jane, Lucy, Marshall, Bubba, Lucy D, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*

*Love,  
The Chip Perkins family*

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**Ginny Perkins** - March 18, 2014 at 05:03 PM

MK

“ *Mike & Marianne Kleban lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Mike & Marianne Kleban** - March 18, 2014 at 03:49 PM

JJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to Lucy and the family. Rudy was a special person to us*

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**Janet Tucker Johnson** - March 18, 2014 at 03:43 PM

SM

“ Sharon Matherly lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Sharon Matherly - March 18, 2014 at 02:22 PM

SM

Sending prayers to the Burgess family at this difficult time.

Sharon Matherly - March 18, 2014 at 02:23 PM

PW

“ Patsy Waller lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Patsy Waller - March 18, 2014 at 02:21 PM

DE

“ Deborah Robertson Evans lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Deborah Robertson Evans - March 18, 2014 at 02:05 PM

CC

“ *Clara Childress lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Clara Childress** - March 18, 2014 at 01:55 PM

KJ

“ *Hello Burgess Family, Rudy holds a very special place in our hearts. He had that knack of knowing everyone's name and something about them. He was one of the reasons we continued coming to Lane. He remembered our names the second Sunday. He was very upfront. If he had something he wanted you to know, he told you. He was the consummate politician and that is no longer found in today's world. Kelsey called me last night and said how sad she and Eric was at the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. We hold your family in our prayers and you go through the coming days. God Bless You.*

*Love to all,*

*The Jacksons, Bill and Kathy and Lee*

*The Carters, Kelsey and Eric*

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**Kathy Jackson** - March 18, 2014 at 01:01 PM

PR

“ *Patsy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Patsy Reynolds** - March 18, 2014 at 12:41 PM

RG

“ Ryan & Sarah (Slusher) Gibson lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Ryan & Sarah (Slusher) Gibson** - March 18, 2014 at 11:45 AM

DE

“ Donald W. Ellison purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of James Rudolph Burgess .



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**Donald W. Ellison** - March 18, 2014 at 11:20 AM

AH

“ Ashlee Hall lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Ashlee Hall** - March 18, 2014 at 11:14 AM

GD

“ Glenn And Bunny David lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Glenn and Bunny David** - March 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM

EF

“ Mrs. Burgess and Family, I had the pleasure of meeting Rudy on one of fishing trips to Hatteras. Rudy and I became pretty good fishing buddies as usually he and I were the only ones fishing while the rest of the crew were sitting around talking. Rudy was and is a great man that I certainly will miss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the entire family.



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**Eddie Frankenstein** - March 18, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JD

“ Joyce And Lee Dalton lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**joyce and lee dalton** - March 18, 2014 at 10:17 AM

JD

*will be missed he was a good man he was so kind to everybody*

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**joyce and lee dalton** - March 18, 2014 at 10:20 AM

VA

“ Sorry this is all new to me- lol.. Marshall, Shannon and Denise.. and the Whole Burgess family. You are never alone. He is looking down on ya'll and you have each other. I an so sorry. Many hugs and prayers for ya'll <3 If there is anything we can do Please let us know. We are here for ya'll too.

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**Valerie (Blackburn) Altman** - March 18, 2014 at 09:34 AM

SC

“ Susan Pugh Clay lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Susan Pugh Clay - March 18, 2014 at 09:33 AM

TH

“ Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson - March 18, 2014 at 09:33 AM

VA

“ Valerie (Blackburn) Altman lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Valerie (Blackburn) Altman - March 18, 2014 at 09:31 AM

VA

*I am so sorry for ya'lls loss. Hugs and prayers to you all. You are never alone. We love ya'll.*

Valerie (Blackburn) Altman - March 18, 2014 at 09:31 AM

JV

“ *Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus** - March 18, 2014 at 09:23 AM

MS

“ *Mark And Carla Slusher lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Mark and Carla Slusher** - March 18, 2014 at 09:12 AM

SS

“ *Sharon I. Saunders lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Sharon I. Saunders** - March 18, 2014 at 09:06 AM

JB

“ *Jo Barnard lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**jo Barnard** - March 18, 2014 at 09:00 AM

KB

“ Kevin Brown lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Kevin Brown** - March 18, 2014 at 08:48 AM

LH

“ Rudy has been a wonderful friend to our family for as long as I can remember. I can just imagine the stories he and my Daddy will share in heaven.  
Don and Lynne Huskey

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**Lynne Huskey** - March 18, 2014 at 08:40 AM

BF

“ Betty And Page Finch lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Betty and Page Finch** - March 18, 2014 at 08:32 AM

BF

*Rudy was a wonderful person that will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Love you Rudy!*

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**Betty and Page Finch** - March 18, 2014 at 08:33 AM

TD

“ Thoughts and prayers with you all. Rudy was such a sweet person. Always with a smile and a hug or handshake no matter where you saw him. Mrs. Burgess, we send you a big hug. Jane and siblings it is very hard to lose a parent. If you need anything we are here. Erin and all the grandchildren you had a wonderful grandfather. Cherish the memories, they last forever. Love to you all.



Lynn, Teresa and Gary David

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**Teresa David** - March 18, 2014 at 08:04 AM

DB

“ A wonderful next door neighbor.

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**Don and Carla Blaine** - March 18, 2014 at 07:43 AM

EP

“ Eddie/Gayle Puckette lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Eddie/Gayle Puckette** - March 18, 2014 at 07:08 AM

BC

“ A wonderful Christian man!

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**billie collins** - March 18, 2014 at 06:29 AM

RC

“ Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Ray and Kay Caldwell - March 18, 2014 at 05:34 AM

RC

A wonderful man who loved and respected his family, his friends, his town and his country. Mr. Rudy will be truly missed.

Ray and Kay Caldwell - March 18, 2014 at 05:37 AM

MH

“ Marlo Henderson lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Marlo Henderson - March 17, 2014 at 09:50 PM

BM

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to Rudy's family. We will miss him.  
Bobby and Melba

Bobby and Melba - March 17, 2014 at 09:44 PM

JM

“ *JoAnn Midkiff lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**JoAnn Midkiff** - March 17, 2014 at 09:42 PM

CE

“ *Candace A. East lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Candace A. East** - March 17, 2014 at 09:07 PM

EB

“ *Eddie Barnard lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Eddie Barnard** - March 17, 2014 at 08:51 PM

BK

“ *Miss Lucy and Family . . . .*

*It's been a long and difficult journey, but a well fought one. The old Mayor is resting now and we can all know that he's at peace. The last couple of fishing trips have been very different without Rudy in his chair holding that pole - and at the poker table "donating" to the pot. My life was made better because the "Mayor" passed my way. Thank you for sharing him with so many people. Thoughts & prayers are with you all and I will see Friday evening.*

*Bill King - Prince George, Virginia*

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**Bill King** - March 17, 2014 at 08:49 PM

FE

“ *Fred And Brenda Elliott lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Fred and Brenda Elliott** - March 17, 2014 at 08:21 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Forloines lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Shirley Forloines** - March 17, 2014 at 08:16 PM

DS

“ *Danny & Mary Singleton lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Danny & Mary Singleton** - March 17, 2014 at 07:39 PM

JW

“ *James And Janet West lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**James and Janet West** - March 17, 2014 at 07:32 PM

SB

“ *Steven & Laura Branning lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Steven & Laura Branning** - March 17, 2014 at 07:08 PM



“ *Elisabeth Carson-Williams lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Elisabeth Carson-Williams** - March 17, 2014 at 07:03 PM

KM

“ *Kim Thomas Madsen lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Kim Thomas Madsen** - March 17, 2014 at 07:00 PM

MH

“ *I highly admired this man and loved him dearly. I hope and pray that he and my father, Ralph Slusher, find each other. My sympathies to the Burgess family!*

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**Misty Jill Slusher Hostetter** - March 17, 2014 at 06:59 PM

LE

“ *The Family of Rudy Burgess is in my Prayers. He was a wonderful person and The Best Mayor...*



*Laura Beth English*

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**Laura Beth English** - March 17, 2014 at 06:44 PM

RS

“ *Ronnie And Regina Shelton lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Ronnie and Regina Shelton** - March 17, 2014 at 06:39 PM

HM

“ *Herb Miller lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Herb Miller** - March 17, 2014 at 06:21 PM

DD

“ *Bubba, Marshall & Burgess Family,  
We are sad to hear about the passing of Mr. Burgess. He will  
always remain an Icon to the Altavista community, and he will be  
missed by many family and friends. Please let Mrs. Burgess know  
that your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
With Deepest Sympath,  
Dennis DeLappe & Family*

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**Dennis DeLappe** - March 17, 2014 at 06:17 PM

PH

“ *Phyllis Catron Howell lit a candle in memory  
of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Phyllis Catron Howell** - March 17, 2014 at 06:14 PM

RG

“ *Ray Guill lit a candle in memory of James  
Rudolph Burgess*



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**Ray Guill** - March 17, 2014 at 06:09 PM

LC

“ Lee Carter lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Lee Carter - March 17, 2014 at 06:00 PM

CD

“ Carlton & Linda Dalton



Carlton Dalton - March 17, 2014 at 05:59 PM

KW

“ Ken Woodson lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Ken Woodson - March 17, 2014 at 05:57 PM

JW

“ Joan Woodson lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Joan Woodson - March 17, 2014 at 05:51 PM

TW

“ Theresa Worsham lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Theresa Worsham** - March 17, 2014 at 05:44 PM

TW

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Lucy and the family.*

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**Theresa Worsham** - March 17, 2014 at 05:45 PM

MF

“ Rudy was one of a kind - gentle, caring and honest man I believe I,ve ever known.  
Our prayers are with the family of Rudy's.



*Marvin A and Janice Farmer*

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**Marvin Farmer** - March 17, 2014 at 05:38 PM

BD

“ Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



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**Billy & Diane Davis** - March 17, 2014 at 05:27 PM



“ *Nancy James lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Nancy James** - March 17, 2014 at 05:04 PM

LB

“ *Larry And Tina Barbour lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Larry and Tina Barbour** - March 17, 2014 at 04:50 PM

LB

*We are so sorry for your loss. Rudy was such a special person. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Larry and Tina Barbour** - March 17, 2014 at 04:51 PM

GG

“ *Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Gwen Goggin** - March 17, 2014 at 04:41 PM

DV

“ *Donnie & Dale Vaughan lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Donnie & Dale Vaughan - March 17, 2014 at 04:37 PM

CA

“ *Chris And Beverly Angell lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Chris and Beverly Angell - March 17, 2014 at 04:32 PM

WO

“ *Winston O'Brien lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Winston O'Brien - March 17, 2014 at 04:14 PM

RS

“ *Rose Saunders lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Rose Saunders - March 17, 2014 at 04:13 PM

JW

“ *Jo Kelley And Ed Wildrick lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Jo Kelley and Ed Wildrick - March 17, 2014 at 04:12 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Debby Barker - March 17, 2014 at 04:04 PM

VT

“ *Vicky Thomas lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Vicky Thomas - March 17, 2014 at 03:56 PM

AD

“ *Andrew & Cheryl Dudley lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Andrew & Cheryl Dudley - March 17, 2014 at 03:52 PM

BD

“ *Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Billy & Diane Davis** - March 17, 2014 at 03:51 PM

SN

“ *Sandra And Roger Newman lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Sandra and Roger Newman** - March 17, 2014 at 03:31 PM

WA

“ *Will, Jennifer, Emma And Nate Andrews lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Will, Jennifer, Emma and Nate Andrews** - March 17, 2014 at 03:23 PM



“ *Trey Finch sent a virtual gift in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



**Trey Finch** - March 17, 2014 at 03:09 PM

EE

“ Eugene & Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Eugene & Mary Edmonds - March 17, 2014 at 03:01 PM

DE

“ Don And Norma English lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Don and Norma English - March 17, 2014 at 02:41 PM

KH

“ Kenneth And Brenda Hudson lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



kenneth and brenda hudson - March 17, 2014 at 02:33 PM

EN

“ Ellen Burgess Newman lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Ellen Burgess Newman - March 17, 2014 at 02:13 PM

HB

“ Haywood & Katie Belvin lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Haywood & Katie Belvin - March 17, 2014 at 02:05 PM

EB

“ Edwin And Sue Blackstock lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Edwin and Sue Blackstock - March 17, 2014 at 02:02 PM

PP

“ Pat Puckette lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess



Pat Puckette - March 17, 2014 at 01:56 PM

PP

*So sorry to hear of this. Prayers go out to the family in their time of sorrow. Rudy was my cousin and we use to laugh about it, we were kissing couins. I will miss those hugs and kisses but you now can share them with our loved ones in heaven.*

Pat Puckette - March 17, 2014 at 02:00 PM

RW

“ *Rayetta Webb lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Rayetta Webb - March 17, 2014 at 01:07 PM

RW

*Sending prayers to Lucy and the family. Rudy was a very special person. One who never let us forget that the Town of Altavista was a great place. His devotion to this community was only shadowed by his love for his family. I am thankful that I was able to serve with him on Town Council. I am sure he has already gotten a crowd surrounding him in Heaven to hear his stories about how wonderful life was here in a little town he called "Home". I shall never forget his kindness. May he rest in peace.*

Rayetta Webb - March 17, 2014 at 01:13 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Nancy Roark - March 17, 2014 at 12:26 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Daniel Paschall lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



Lisa Daniel Paschall - March 17, 2014 at 12:04 PM

CW

“ *Carroll & Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Carroll & Gwenda Willard** - March 17, 2014 at 11:34 AM

RM

“ *Ray & Judy Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Ray & Judy Mitchell** - March 17, 2014 at 11:33 AM

KH

“ *Kenneth And Juanita Hudson lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Kenneth and Juanita Hudson** - March 17, 2014 at 11:25 AM

TB

“ *Titus & Carol Burgess lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Titus & Carol Burgess** - March 17, 2014 at 10:58 AM

KH

“ *Keith & Mary Hall lit a candle in memory of James Rudolph Burgess*



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**Keith & Mary Hall** - March 17, 2014 at 10:43 AM