



## Lawrence Burr

March 6, 1943 - May 19, 2024

Lawrence J. Burr, 81, of Harrison Township, passed away on May 18, 2024. He was born in Detroit on March 6, 1943, to Casimir and Stella Borowski.

Lawrence is survived by the love of his life, Karen, and his loving children, David Burr and Lisa (Matt) Austin. Nothing made him prouder than the achievements of his grandchildren, Emilee, and Aaron James "AJ".

Lawrence had an infectious energy for life that will live on in those whose lives he touched. He was a patient listener who loved meeting people from all walks of life at every opportunity. He always went out of his way to help those in need and encouraged everyone around him to treat others with kindness and respect.

He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, success in business, and his generous support of local charities and organizations. An ardent animal lover, Lawrence's favorite charitable cause was the Royal Oak Animal Shelter, of which he was instrumental in organizing their brand-new facility currently in the works.

Lawrence began as a salesman at Matthews-Hargreaves Chevrolet in Royal Oak in 1968 and worked his way up to General Manager before purchasing the dealership in 1986. The dealership would move locations and expand

several times under his leadership, earning him a formidable reputation among industry leaders and customers alike. Lawrence found great joy in seeing people he mentored go on to have successful careers in the automotive business. He was tremendously proud of the successes of his protégé turned business partner, Len Nadolski, who he considered a second son.

Despite his incredible work ethic, Lawrence never neglected life's little pleasures, especially his grandchildren's sports games, family vacations, and boating on Lake St. Clair. He and Karen traveled the world together several times over, splitting their time between Naples, Florida, and Michigan. His greatest joy came from the quality time spent with family after attending one of his grandchildren's soccer or basketball games.

Visitation Wednesday 1:00 pm-8:00 pm and Thursday 9:30 am until the time of the funeral 10:00 am at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak.  
Interment Resurrection Cemetery Clinton Township, Michigan.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to the Royal Oak Animal Shelter.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

**MAY 23.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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MAY 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Lawrence Burr*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - May 20, 2024 at 01:23 PM

JS

*Born with a gift of gab and good looks made him a top salesman right from the beginning. Never saw him without a smile or a positive attitude. Lucky enough to meet and marry his soul mate and have a fantastic marriage and career. For sure one of a kind. 2 mo. ago he told me if you ever see me laying in a coffin do not feel sorry for me cause I've had one hell of a good life. I've been lucky and had the best life that one could have. It never occurred to me that he would go before me. I'm sure he will put a smile on everyone s face that went before him. God bless and RIP*

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**Jeanette Schmitt** - May 20, 2024 at 08:26 PM

VS

*I have had the pleasure of knowing Larry and Karen for a number of years.Larry always had a smile and a story to tell...I am blessed to have met such a nice person as he.... Vito Strolis*

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**Vito Strolis** - May 21, 2024 at 02:11 PM

DK

“ *David & Kim Kubicek purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lawrence Burr.*



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**David & Kim Kubicek** - May 21, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JP

“ *John & Lynn Potrykus purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lawrence Burr.*



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**John & Lynn Potrykus** - May 21, 2024 at 08:49 PM

JP

“ *John & Lynn Potrykus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Burr.*

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**John & Lynn Potrykus** - May 21, 2024 at 08:49 PM

GB

“ *Rest in Peace Larry: Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Gregory and Ginger Borowski*

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**GREGORY Joseph BOROWSKI** - May 21, 2024 at 05:19 PM

KK

“ Larry was my Dad's (Phil Borowski) cousin. I had the pleasure of meeting him and his wife Karen in Naples, Florida close to 20 years ago. Love and prayers to Karen and the family. May he rest in peace.



Kim Kauffman - May 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM

DD

“ David and Nicole Dodge purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Burr.



David and Nicole Dodge - May 21, 2024 at 04:26 PM

JS

“ I moved to Naples, FL 19 years ago. My first year here, Larry and Karen took me out to dinner and welcomed me to Naples. Larry was my father (Phillip Borowski) cousin. Prayers for his family.

jennifer scrant - May 21, 2024 at 04:14 PM

JP

“ Jeff Glaser and family - PNC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Burr.

Jeff Glaser and family - PNC - May 21, 2024 at 02:26 PM

JP

“ Jeff Glaser and family - PNC purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Lawrence Burr.



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**Jeff Glaser and family - PNC** - May 21, 2024 at 02:26 PM

TZ

“ Tonya A Zygaj sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence Burr



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**Tonya A Zygaj** - May 21, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence Burr.



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May 21, 2024 at 11:58 AM

EG

“ Ethos Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Burr.

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**Ethos Group** - May 21, 2024 at 11:58 AM

OP

“ Orlando,Loretta and Tony Palleschi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Burr.

Orlando,Loretta and Tony Palleschi - May 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM

OP

“ Orlando,Loretta and Tony Palleschi purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Lawrence Burr.



Orlando,Loretta and Tony Palleschi - May 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM

NC

“ Nick ,Randy & Wendy B & B Collision planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Burr.

Nick ,Randy & Wendy B & B Collision - May 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence Burr.



May 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM

CM

“ Colleen and Dave McDonald purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Burr.



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Colleen and Dave McDonald - May 20, 2024 at 08:48 PM

CM

“ Colleen and Dave McDonald planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Burr.

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Colleen and Dave McDonald - May 20, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Burr.



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May 20, 2024 at 08:12 PM

JB

“ We are so very saddened by the loss of Larry Burr. My, what a man he was, so full of life, and happy. If everyone had his wonderful and positive attitude, the world would be a better place. There are so many people who will truly miss him, but what a loss for Karen and the entire family, as he was the rock of the family, and so loved. We are very sorry for your loss, and will keep all of you, and the soul of Larry, in our prayers. God Bless. Love, Karen and Jack Brandenburg.

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Jack and Karen Brandenburg - May 20, 2024 at 05:55 PM

JK

“ Jason Krieger and Jeff Klatt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Burr.

Jason Krieger and Jeff Klatt - May 20, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lawrence Burr.



May 20, 2024 at 04:34 PM

LD

“ Lawrence and Donna purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Burr.



Lawrence and Donna - May 20, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Burr.



May 20, 2024 at 09:22 AM

LA

“ *Linda Austin purchased the Sweet Tenderness  
for the family of Lawrence Burr.*



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**Linda Austin** - May 19, 2024 at 09:35 PM