



## John F. Burnside

April 15, 1947 - May 6, 2020

Passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at his home. John was born April 15, 1947 in Indianapolis, son of the late Francis and Rosemary Burnside. John resided in his home town through high school before honorably serving his country as a member of the US Navy. After leaving the Navy John moved to Bangor to work for Adams Electronics. John was a long time member of Sacred Heart Parish, the Bangor Lions and was a master gardener. He loved to golf but more than anything cherished time spent with his grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife Mary; children, Sarah (Jason) Smith and Bill (Jessica) Burnside; grandchildren, Bronwyn, Ursula, Jackson, Hunter; a sister, Christine Burnside.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Elizabeth Burnside, brother in law, Richard Webb.

Following his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will take place once current restrictions are lifted at Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the charitable organization of the donors choice. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ *Tom And Judy Gardner lit a candle in memory of John F. Burnside*



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**Tom and Judy Gardner** - May 12, 2020 at 10:51 AM

LF

“ *Mary, Sarah and Bill,  
I can not tell you how sad I was to learn of John's passing. All the memories of the many years of Lions Band golf tournaments came flooding back. He will be so greatly missed as he was a pillar in this community. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.  
Lynne Farmer*

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**Lynne Farmer** - May 09, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MW

“ *Mary / Richard Watkins lit a candle in memory of John F. Burnside*



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**Mary / Richard Watkins** - May 09, 2020 at 09:33 AM

EL

“ It's not often that you meet someone when you are five years old and remain friends with that person for life. Luckily for me, that's just what John Burnside was, a life-long friend. Not just a friend, but a coach, a mentor, a great golf buddy, and so much more. When I reflect on everything that John was, to everybody, I find it mind-blowing and amazing. He was just so darn smart, generous, family oriented, civic minded, a great conversationalist, and a heck of a lot of fun. I hadn't seen as much of John since the golf course closed, and I feel a great sadness about that. Rest in peace Johnboy. You are really going to be missed.

Elizabeth - May 08, 2020 at 02:10 PM

TE

“ Teresa Empson lit a candle in memory of John F. Burnside



Teresa Empson - May 08, 2020 at 01:34 PM

KC

“ John was a great friend and coworker. So enjoyed our times together on the golf course. He will be missed.

Kevin Carlson - May 08, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Words fail to express my sorrow for your family's loss. I'll miss his laugh, listening to his stories, and discussing my failure as a gardener with him and his advice. He will be greatly missed.

Denise Hargreaves - May 08, 2020 at 09:49 AM

CR

“ *Mary, Sarah, Bill -  
My heart breaks for all of you. He was a pillar  
of the Bangor Lions Club, Sacred Heart  
Church and Bangor in general. He made you  
think, laugh, ponder life and he would put a  
challenge on the way you did things to see if it could be better. May  
he have eternal peace and may you find solace in your memories.  
God Bless!*



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**Chris Rigozzi** - May 08, 2020 at 06:56 AM

MC

“ *I remember well the day John moved to town  
and Jim O'Leary, Jim Urquhart and I "adopted"  
him. He was an important part of our family,  
which was only enhanced when Mary joined  
him. They made a wonderful life together with  
their children, their church and their community.  
John was a wonderful man and is a great loss to our community.  
Life has a way of changing things, but it didn't change John, it only  
made him stronger. He was a man of conviction and I was proud to  
know him. Though we didn't see each other as often as I would  
have liked in recent years, especially since the golf course closed, I  
know he was my friend. That's the best praise there is, to be John's  
friend. Rest in peace John Boy.*



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**Margaret Mc Cabe** - May 07, 2020 at 08:48 PM

CK

*I've known John for over 40 years. I very much enjoyed babysitting his children, Sarah and Bill. Growing up during the 70s I remember him as a family friend. My mom would tell me what a nice person he was. He was always willing to help at church functions at Sacred Heart and I remember him many times standing outside Harding's collecting money for the Lions Club white cane campaign. He was truly a giving person. My heart goes out to Mary, Sarah, Bill, and their families. Rest In Peace John.*

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**Cathy Kimbler** - May 07, 2020 at 10:48 PM

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“*Mary, Bill and Sarah,  
Just want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. John was a caring person who loved his family and community. He will be missed.*

*Chuck and Norma French*

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**Chuck French** - May 07, 2020 at 07:52 PM