



Paul S. Burkey, DDS

April 6, 1957 - May 31, 2024

Paul S. Burkey, DDS, MS, 67, of Libertyville, IL peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 31, 2024, while surrounded by his family. He was born in Waukegan on April 6, 1957 to Dorothy Annette and Gerald Burkey. He grew up in Zion and graduated from Zion Benton High School. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Loyola University of Chicago. He is a graduate of Loyola University School of Dentistry where he excelled in his studies. He pursued specialty training at the University of Iowa where he completed a Master of Science degree and earned a Specialty Certificate in Orthodontics.

He led a solo orthodontic practice in Vernon Hills, where he enjoyed 38 years in his field of serving patients. He was highly esteemed by his colleagues and patients for his exceptional orthodontic skills and caring nature. Paul cared deeply about teaching and mentorship of others in the dental field and also served on the UIC Dental Alumni Board of Directors, including one term as president.

Paul was always committed to his family. He was a devoted husband to Alisa whom he married in 1987 and loving father to his three sons. He enjoyed working on his classic cars, many outdoor activities including skiing, boating, camping, golfing, traveling, and spending time with his family. He enjoyed his years of involvement with the Libertyville Boy Scout Troop 71. Paul attended Christ Church Crossroads where he faithfully served as a deacon and elder;

he used his gift of evangelism to teach others the basics of the Christian faith.

He is survived by his wife, Alisa, his sons Luke (Caroline) Burkey; Seth (Angel) Burkey; Daniel Burkey; his grandchildren, Charles and Anna Burkey; his sisters Andrea Lynn (Neal) Harrison and Nancy Knutsen. He was preceded in death by his parents Dorothy Annette and Gerald Burkey; brother Gerald Burkey; brother-in-law Eric Knutsen.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave in Libertyville. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at the funeral home. Interment will follow to Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Donations in memory of Paul can be made to The Gospel Coalition or Feed My Starving Children. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ I can't believe he is gone. i was his patient a very long time ago. my sister too. I still remember him as the kindest doctor ever, we loved going to the ortho, it was always a happy place because of Dr. Burkey!

Kayla - August 30, 2025 at 09:20 AM

TF

“ The Sheehan Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



The Sheehan Family - June 04, 2024 at 01:50 PM

FN

“ Friends of Lynn and Neal purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



Friends of Lynn and Neal - June 04, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



June 04, 2024 at 11:52 AM

WT

“ Paul was a great clinician and a great human being. He will be surely missed!

Walter Tatch - June 04, 2024 at 12:32 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



June 03, 2024 at 09:39 PM

TF

“ The Phan Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



The Phan Family - June 03, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



June 03, 2024 at 06:07 PM

TF

“ Tim and Jane Allen and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



Tim and Jane Allen and family - June 03, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



June 03, 2024 at 04:04 PM

DO

“ Dan and Maria O'Neill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.

Dan and Maria O'Neill - June 03, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



June 03, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.*



June 03, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *Debbie Rhie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.*



Debbie Rhie - June 03, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *Dr. Caroline Shepherd, Dr. Ashley Waston purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.*



Dr. Caroline Shepherd, Dr. Ashley Waston - June 03, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Dr. Caroline Shepherd, Dr. Ashley Waston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.*

Dr. Caroline Shepherd, Dr. Ashley Waston - June 03, 2024 at 10:47 AM

LC

“ Love, Quyen and Chu purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



Love, Quyen and Chu - June 03, 2024 at 10:06 AM

JH

“ Joseph H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.

Joseph H. - June 02, 2024 at 09:43 PM

YF

“ Your small group friends purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



Your small group friends - June 02, 2024 at 06:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



June 02, 2024 at 12:08 PM

PI

“ Parkhurst Family ~ Inkless planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.

Parkhurst Family ~ Inkless - June 02, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



June 02, 2024 at 10:39 AM

TF

“ Tim & Laura Ackerman and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Paul S. Burkey, DDS.



Tim & Laura Ackerman and family - June 02, 2024 at 09:45 AM

DB

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute



Daniel Burkey - June 01, 2024 at 07:48 PM

JH

“ Paul was an outstanding orthodontist in Vernon Hills and to the surrounding communities. Words can't describe how we will miss him. Not only was he a leader in furthering the education of his fellow dentists, but he was a model for us on how to humbly, ethically, and compassionately render care to our patients. He seemed to have endless patience in discussing cases with his fellow dentist to make sure we had the best plan for our mutual patients. He was not only a great orthodontist but a great friend to those who knew him

We know that Paul touched many lives, and we are devastated with his loss. He was well-loved and will be missed by many. We will be forever grateful for the impact Paul made on our lives.

Joseph Hamman - June 01, 2024 at 03:24 PM

CA

I worked the front desk at Paul's practice for almost 5 years. Paul was just as kind, and patient as an employer as he was toward his patients. I learned a lot about Orthodontic Dentistry from him! It was a pleasure working for a professional who also loved the Lord as I do! Rest in peace brother Paul. Catherine Krugler

cathy - June 03, 2024 at 02:36 PM

RD

Paul was great friend and an even better person. He looked for and found ways to help people in and outside his professional circle..He loved Alissa and was always eager and proud to update me with how his boys were doing.You are gone too soon my friend and I will miss you
Bob Duffy

Robert Duffy - June 04, 2024 at 06:29 AM