



Aryn Burgess

December 20, 1972 - June 25, 2022

Aryn Duane Burgess passed away Saturday, June 25, 2022 from sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 49 at his home in Vancouver, WA. His unexpected passing has been a shock to all who knew him. Aryn was born in Portland, OR on December 20, 1972 and lived in Vancouver, WA all his life. He graduated from Mountain View High School in 1991. He attended the University of Washington and graduated with a BA in Communications in 1995. While there, he met his wife, Suzanne, and made many lifelong friends. He went back to school and graduated in 2001 with an MBA from Portland State University. Aryn held positions with several companies over the years including Freightliner, CRU, C-Tech Industries, Borg Warner, CK Technologies and, most recently, Truck-Lite where he was the Director of OEM Sales. Aryn centered his life around his family and friends including coaching his kids' soccer and basketball teams, participating in Fantasy Football shenanigans, watching and going to Husky football games, spending time with his dogs, working outside on our property, and enjoying adventures during our many vacations. He participated in many adult sports leagues as well including softball, golf, indoor soccer, basketball and Portland to Coast. He didn't like to sit still and always wanted to help others in any way he could. He had a silly sense of humor and a loving, kind heart and we will miss him dearly the rest of our lives. Aryn is survived by his wife, Suzanne, of 26 years; daughter, Mackenzie; son, Parker; father, Paul Burgess (Lee); mother, Ginn Strong (Al); sister, Amy Scharnhorst (Craig); in-laws, Ron and Ella Colwell, Ella and

Brent McWilliams, Jeremy and Rebecca Colwell; nephews, Boston McWilliams, Hunter and Logan Colwell; and niece, Leia McWilliams. Memorial services will be at Columbia Presbyterian Church (805 Columbia Ridge Dr, Vancouver, WA 98664) on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 1p officiated by Pastor Ted Moeller with a reception following the service. A graveside service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 10:30a for those who would like to attend before the memorial service. Memorial donations can be made to the Humane Society for Southwest Washington (1100 NE 192nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684 - southwesthumane.org) in recognition of Aryn's love of his furry family members (Bailey, Jaycub, BJ, Roy, Shasta, Piper, Sophie, and Bentley). Memories to honor Aryn's life and legacy may be shared on the Tribute page at EvergreenMemorialGardens.com.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:19 PM

KA

“ Paul, I just heard about Aaron. I cant tell you how sorry I am. I lost my husband of 45 yrs 7 months ago. I know the deep feeling of loss.

Kathy burgess quintero

Katy - December 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Suzanne, I just heard, and I am so sorry and saddened. Aryn was one of my favorites and a good friend. I will miss our talks.



Dan Boros - August 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

UE

“ Although it was now long ago , I have always remembered Aryn as a great friend. My thoughts are with his family and friends in this time of grief.

Ulrika Ersman - July 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ A few words about my friend Aryn Burgess,

It's very difficult to express in words how sorry we all are for the loss of this amazing man. Many people come and go throughout our lives, some fade away, while others touch our lives deeply, leaving an everlasting impression on our hearts. I consider it to be one of the great fortunes and blessings of my life to have had the opportunity to spend so many wonderful days together with Aryn, especially when those days involved the smell of freshly cut grass, fist bumps, and high fives, and if you knew anything about "Team Thunder" there were always plenty of those to go around.

Throughout all the years that I knew Aryn, he always set an unwavering example for myself and others, about what it meant to be a loving father, a dedicated husband, a loyal friend, and in my case, a fellow coach. I hope he knew just how much that I looked up to him. Looking back on our many years of coaching Thunder soccer, I can recall several times relying on his advice when faced with the adversity that comes with coaching a large group of girls. I frequently turned to Aryn for his perspective, and his advice in dealing with difficult coaching situations, on and off the field. Being around Aryn I discovered early on that there was much more to coaching than the X's and O's of the game. Aryn had a special gift when it came to really understanding the girls need, to learn more about soccer, than just conditioning, technique and tactics. He was a master at providing the girls with the social and psychological components of the game, the life lessons that would remain long after their youth sports careers ended. Aryn shined when it came to building their confidence, giving them an identity, creating a team chemistry, not to mention delivering on the fly, a half time speech that would rival any given by John Wooden, or Bear Bryant. My earliest memory of witnessing Aryn's caring personality occurred about half way through our first season coaching together. Aryn and I seen a coach screaming at one of his players from the sideline in a very negative manner. This Coach's tantrum continued for about 10 or 15 seconds as the girl continued to play. Before long, I could see the tears coming down her cheek. Aryn turned to me with a look of

disgust and stated exactly what he thought about that coach, which unfortunately I can't repeat. But he went on to say "she probably won't remember the words he was screaming, but you can bet she'll always remember how those words made her feel, and how that horrible feeling, will be the one and only thing that she will ever remember about that coach." I took those words Aryn spoke that day to heart as a reminder of what a powerful impact our words can have on those who look up to us. Whether Aryn knew it or not, he had a way with dropping wisdom bombs on you when you least expect it. I will forever miss being the recipient of those insightful bombs of knowledge! Along with his wisdom, I will forever remember the passion that he had for life, his humor, and the thoughtful way he endeared himself to those who knew him well, or barely knew him at all. Aryn's spirit will always remain with us, and guide us, as we make our way through both the good and difficult days that lie ahead.

I Love You Brother! ❤️

~Rob Berg

Robert Berg - July 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TL

“*Aryn was truly one of the best and nicest people we've been lucky to have in our lives(Andy says ... even though he was a Husky 🐕). We are shocked and saddened at his sudden passing. Our hearts are with Suzanne, Kenzie and Parker and we hope it's a small comfort to know how loved he was.*

Tammy/ Andy LaFrazia - July 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Steve & Colleen Berry lit a candle in memory of Aryn Burgess



Steve & Colleen Berry - July 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our caring thoughts are with you & your family at this time. May you find peace & comfort & hold his love & memories close to your hearts.



Steve & Colleen Berry - July 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Kevin and I are so sorry for your loss. Aryn was a fabulous guy with a great sense of humor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!



Erin Havlin - July 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Aryn was an amazing man who loved his family and friends so much! Our families met through mutual friends and their family became a part of ours! We went on many vacations together with our kids and just couples to Mexico, Nevada! He was my youngest daughter soccer coach for many years! He was almost like a second father figure for her! He loved coaching his players and it showed ❤️ RIP you are going to be truly missed💔💔💔💔💔🙏🙏🙏

Laura McClelland - July 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Aryn was an amazing leader/co-worker/friend. I worked with him for a few years (CRU-Wichita). He had a great sense of humor. Rest in peace Aryn, you left this world way too soon. Suzanne and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you! -- Lori Allen (Wichita, KS)



Lora Allen - July 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I remember when you guys came to visit and Aryn was swimming laps in our pond. And then you guys went to Kings Island. Such a kind loving person! His and prayers!🙏💕💕

Kathy Cutter - July 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. Much love from the Scharnhorst's families.



Anonymous - July 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Thinking of you during this time.



Amy Pearsall - July 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Cheryl B lit a candle in memory of Aryn Burgess



Cheryl B - July 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss.



Anonymous - July 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ To the Burgess Family, Aryn and I were colleagues & I will never forget his great sense of humor - he was a blessing!



Cheryl Berklich (Navistar, Inc.) - July 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Peace be with all of you. From your dear friends at CK Technologies,

Anonymous - July 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Aryn Burgess - July 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM