



## Kevin W. "Around the World" Burker

June 30, 1977 - August 12, 2015

Kevin W. "Around The World" Burker, 38, of Mentor, passed away Aug. 12, 2015, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born June 30, 1977, in Mayfield Heights.

Kevin was a super-hero in disguise to his sons; called by his wife "The Great And Mighty VOR" (Voice-Of-Reason); a purveyor of laughter; a natural mimic; a gifted drummer and guitar player; a video game-playing tennis-and-fishing enthusiast; a seeker of the perfect cup of home-made coffee; Grill-Master, and a semi-reluctant geocacher. He was a kind and gentle man that loved greatly, selflessly, and generously. If Kevin teased you mercilessly, it meant you were one of his favorites. When he wasn't busy being all the above-mentioned wonders, Kevin also spent time as a computer hardware technician at Akzo Nobel.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie; children, Maxx and Quinn; parents, Thomas and Linda Burker, Sr.; brother, Thomas (Chrissy) Burker, Jr.; mother-in-law, Dianna (Dr. Sid Savitt) Austin; father-in-law, James (Carole) Horvath–Stange; maternal grandmother, Joanne Kuehne; and paternal grandparents, Harry and Catherine Burker. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, a nephew and other family members. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Walter Kuehne.

The family will receive friends for a celebration of Kevin's life from 3 to 8 p.m., Monday, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Kevin, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 10501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center

8466 Mentor Avenue

Mentor, OH 44060

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am still sitting here wondering why my friend is gone. I am grateful that April and I were given the chance to be a part of his life. So many fond memories, witty comments, crazy impersonations and impromptu drum sessions. I will miss heading off on black Friday to go grab a deal, fishing trips, mulch madness at my brothers, or odd phone calls asking how to get my old truck to start. You were half of Kamie, and you dubbed us Japril. I told you I would always have your back, I considered you a brother and will never forget you. Goodbye my friend.

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**Joe and April Brager** - August 18, 2015 at 10:19 PM

RK

“ Tom, Linda and The Burker Family,

*I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Kevin. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Randy & Tina Kerans*

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**Randy Kerans** - August 17, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin W. "Around the World" Burker.



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August 17, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin W. "Around the World" Burker.*



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August 17, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ *Jamie,*

*We are sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. He was too young!*

*Love,  
Joe and Clara Horvath*

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**Joe & Clara Horvath** - August 17, 2015 at 07:28 AM



“ *Tom, Linda and family: My sincere sympathy to you and your family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.*

*Sue and Tom Livingstone*

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**Sue Livingstone** - August 16, 2015 at 02:10 PM



*It has been truly an honor and pleasure hearing the wonderful, funny and touching stories of Kevin. We have laughed and cried at work many times together! Kevin knew exactly what he was doing when he choose you for a wife! You have given him the best years of his life and most of all the best gift .... Quinn! You may not hear him , see or feel him... But he is all around you... Embracing you for your future journey! May you find comfort in all those that love you.*

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**Adrina Hasto** - August 16, 2015 at 03:56 PM

MG

“ *To the Burker Family,*

*As members of Kevin's band, Amazed By Lightbulbs (ABL), we would like to send our condolences to all of you. Our time spent together in ABL will always bring back fond memories and Kevin will truly be remembered as a truly amazing person by all members of the band. As the band's drummer, his signature roll we termed 'Around the World', in which he would touch every drum in his kit, now symbolic of the way his spirit touched everyone who was a part of his life.*

*With Love,*

*Mark and Angela Gartner*



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**Mark Gartner** - August 16, 2015 at 02:07 PM

NF

“ *Nichole Lute-Moseley & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kevin W. "Around the World" Burker.*



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**Nichole Lute-Moseley & Family** - August 16, 2015 at 12:34 PM

MA

“ To the Burker family, Denise and I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Mike & Denise Abramczyk*

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**Mike & Denise Abramczyk** - August 16, 2015 at 09:24 AM

 Jane Stange

“ Sincerest sympathies to all who loved Kevin. Till you are altogether again, he shall be in your hearts.

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**Jane Stange** - August 16, 2015 at 04:10 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin W. "Around the World" Burker.



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August 15, 2015 at 10:19 PM

YB

“ Jamie, I don't know if there are truly enough words to express the sorrow over kevin and offer condolence to you, Quinn and maxx. My heart aches over your aches, my tears fall along with yours, I'll wrap my arms around you to offer you my strength, you are loved.

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**Yolanda Barnicoat** - August 15, 2015 at 09:20 PM

 Katy Murphy

“ Jamie,Maxx and Quinn I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Katy Murphy** - August 15, 2015 at 08:54 PM

YB

“ I had the pleasure of being there from the beginning of Jamie's and Kevin's romance. I watched how easily they laughed and loved one another unconditionally. I'll miss the little loving looks that they gave each other and the mutually shared methane gas leaks, that made each other gag, giggle, and smile at the same time. His quick wit, superb impressions were priceless. I'll miss his Alec Tribeck, Sean Conner jeopardy battles. They brought out the best in each other as a couple and shared their love with their family and friends. Kevin was a gentle soul who will be missed by all that knew him. Shine on you crazy diamond, shine on. Rest in peace now.

Yolanda

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**Yolanda Barnicoat** - August 15, 2015 at 08:33 PM