



Sean Christopher Burton

December 8, 1977 - October 17, 2016

Sean Christopher Burton, age 38, born on December 8, 1977, Mother Mary's Feast Day, returned to Her loving arms October 17, 2016 at the David Simpson Hospice House in Cleveland.

Beloved son of Mary Ellen Lucas (Ray Holan); brother of Catherine (Ryan) Wank and Michael Burton; son of John (Robin) Burton; step brother of Naima, Sam and Charlie DiFranco; nephew of Michael (Mary Lou) Lucas and Marty (Pamela) Lucas; cousin of Mike (Beth Neumeister), Katie, Laura, Melissa (Raymond) Quiroz and Carl; uncle of Matthew and Madeline Wank and he also leaves his large extended family at Deepwood Center.

Sean's presence in our lives will be greatly missed by everyone. Despite his physical challenges, Sean was a bright light: loving, resilient, happy with a contagious laugh. His smile, twinkling eyes and "hi" conveyed what a myriad of words could not. His unbridled glee seeing Santa Claus brought joy to anyone who witnessed his delight. He stayed busy building puzzles, towers of blocks, watching and listening to the Muppets, Sesame Street, and favorite stories especially The Cat in the Hat and The Three Little Pigs. Sean was fond of creating masterpieces with crayons and markers. The purity of his heart never diminished no matter what he endured.

The family will receive friends from 12 – 2 pm and 4 – 6 pm Sunday October

23, 2016 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 6 pm Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made on Sean's behalf to the Deepwood Foundation, 8121 Deepwood Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EA

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. We are thinking of you.
Eddie and Harold.

Eddie and Harold Allaster - October 23, 2016 at 09:06 PM

WE

“ Ron and I remember with great joy meeting Sean during an animal meet-n-greet at Deepwood center. He was animated, happy and his eyes fairly sparkled, although as I recall, he didn't seem to care much for the Python.
Spending time with him at hospice was a real gift for me, and I especially enjoyed his laughing for the song of the count.
Safe in the Holy Mother's arms, he is certainly a blessing to us all.

wendy - October 23, 2016 at 10:19 AM



“ Making sure you were safe each night. Waiting for you to come out of your seizures. Taking care of you every night and dressing you every morning. Helping you brush your teeth and wash your face. Giving you your blocks to build and crayons for drawing a picture. I could never count all the finished pictures you insisted to hand to me each morning? I miss you very much Seanie Bear!

Norman Gutauckas Jr. - October 23, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *May all your memories of Sean be of all the joy he brought to his family.
He is at peace with the Lord. May you be at peace knowing this to be true.
Mark, Linda and Annie Holan*

Mark Holan - October 23, 2016 at 07:43 AM

JT

“ *Mary Ellen and Ray and family: Jennifer, Tom, and I are so very sorry for your loss. I can only imagine how you must feel, although I know that you are at peace that Sean is with God in Heaven. What a comforting thought and to know that you will see him again one day. I'm especially sending a message from Jennifer Horoszko, my daughter - as you know, Sean and Jenny go way back at Deepwood to the early years. I know that Jenny loved Sean and will miss him, even though she cannot verbalize this. God Bless you and your family during this time. Jayne & Thompson & Jennifer Horoszko.*

Jayne Ann Thompson - October 21, 2016 at 12:27 PM

MM

“ *Mary Ellen,*

Our heartfelt sympathy to you, Catherine & Michael.

To love and to be loved is to live a rich life. Your love of Sean, and his for you, ensured exactly that.

Michael & Catherine Moore - October 21, 2016 at 09:01 AM

JU

“ I met Sean,4yrs.ago and I remember that smile,I'll miss that smile,he's now smiling in heaven with are heavenly father,I'll,miss you my friend.May,you now rest in are father's arms.My prayers go out to his loved ones.

Juanita - October 21, 2016 at 08:52 AM

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Juanita - October 21, 2016 at 08:50 AM

PA

“ Hi Maryellen, so sorry to hear about Sean. Our prayers are with you. Paul, Paul & Cathy Allaster

Paul Allaster - October 20, 2016 at 06:05 PM

JU

Sean,was a bright light whenever he entered a room that light now shines in heaven,I'll,miss you Sean,say hello to Ricky,and Kim.

Juanita - October 21, 2016 at 07:03 AM

SM

“ Mary Ellen
There are no words that can truly convey how very sorry we are to hear of Sean's passing. Heaven just got another angel and we are sure Helen and Len will look after him. Please know that our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.
With love and sympathy
Terry and Sue

sue and terry moore - October 20, 2016 at 03:21 PM

BS

I remember Sean's joy when John would read Cat in the Hat for Sean and Catherine and Michael. They shared many happy times. Wonderful memories. Prayers for peace for the whole family. I'm sure all the grandmas and grandpas are loving him to pieces.

Ed & Betsy

Betsy Stanek - October 22, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Sean Christopher Burton.*



October 20, 2016 at 01:09 PM

MS

“ Oh, Seanie, what a character you have been! Always a sparkle in your beautiful eyes, with a hint of mischief and a quick grin. It's always been a delight to visit with you, celebrate birthdays or holidays, or just hang out, especially outdoors. All of us will miss you so much, and yet I know your special light can shine even brighter now.



For MaryEllen, neverever have I witnessed such loving mothering, such fierceness to get Sean everything he needed and such humor and patience with the hard journey you shared. You absolutely fill me with awe. For Catherine and Michael, I've loved watching you all together, being the very special family you are. Your love for Sean, each other, and your larger family is beautiful to behold.

I feel so privileged to know you all and to join you in celebrating Sean's completed journey. I'm here for you if there is anything at all I can do for you. May your aching hearts be soothed by the Love all around.

*with so much love and gratitude,
Margaret Swift and family*

Margaret Swift - October 20, 2016 at 12:41 PM

AR

“ Aunt Pam, Uncle Marty, Carl, Melissa and Ray purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sean Christopher Burton.



Aunt Pam, Uncle Marty, Carl, Melissa and Ray - October 20, 2016 at 10:20 AM

JH

“ *To Mary Ellen & Family:
God has called home one of his faithful servants. Although his passing leaves sadness in its wake, the comfort of knowing he is in a far better place freed of this life's shackles and limitations should provide comfort to the grieving hearts he left behind. Our love reaches out to Sean's beautiful Mother, Mary Ellen, who so tenderly and selflessly cared for him all these years. As he blessed your life here on earth, Mary Ellen, he is sending blessings back to you from his heavenly home. Our love and prayers remain with you and yours and your new star in the heavens.*

Janice & Kevin Hanzak

Janice & Kevin Hanzak - October 20, 2016 at 09:46 AM

AM

“ *Mary Ellen and family,
We are very sad to hear of Sean's passing. The thing I remember most of him were his beautiful eyes. They had a laughter in them. So clear like they were glass. He and Shelly were just 2 months a part and I remember when we put them in front of each other, Sean reached out and tried to touch her. So sweet. I know he will be missed. Such a special and gentle spirit. All our love,
Barry and Annette Munson and family.*

Annette munson - October 19, 2016 at 07:27 PM

JH

“ *Hello Mary Ellen. It has always been a pleasure seeing Sean and getting to see you and know you and your children through the years. Sean has been in my nightly prayers. I truly feel that he is in a very SPECIAL place in heaven. I remember how excited he always was when he knew Santa Claus was coming.*

Joseph S. Horoszko

Joseph S. Horoszko - October 19, 2016 at 07:01 PM

MS

“ *Mary Smyth lit a candle in memory of Sean Christopher Burton*



Mary Smyth - October 19, 2016 at 05:58 PM

MS

Sean Burton has always been, and continues to be, a Light that can be seen from a great distance. The Super Moon that rose in the sky to help guide him home, pales in comparison. My deepest love is wrapped around his Mother and family, like a blanket of prayer, in gratitude for your sharing so bright a light with us all.

Mary Smyth - October 19, 2016 at 06:07 PM