



## Orren A. Burgett Jr.

October 23, 1944 - March 15, 2009

Orren A. Burgett Jr.

64, of Ruby, died unexpectedly Sunday, March 15, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Port Huron, emergency room.

He was born October 23, 1944, in Detroit the son of the late Orren Sr. and Jeannette McConnell Burgett.

His marriage of 29 years to Gail Jeannette Martin was Thursday, October 14, 1976, in Port Huron. Gail died Wednesday, September 20, 2006 .

Orren served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1966, then joined the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy in 1971. He advanced to Lieutenant of the narcotics division and retired in 1996. He was a longtime volunteer fireman and past chief for Clyde Township Fire Department. He enjoyed working in his yard and spending time with his dog, Duke, and had traveled to Arizona and the West coast on his motorcycle.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shelle Withey of Yale and Dawn and Jeff Teichow of Port Huron, step son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Patricia Shappee of Ruby, stepdaughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Justin Peters of Ruby; eight grandchildren, Brianna and Jesse Withey, Krystal and Joshua Teichow, Lauren Thomas, Amanda Warren, Colton Peters, and Katalin Shappee; mother and father-in-law, Noreen and Jim Dingwell of Ruby; two sisters-in-law, Faye (Bob) Mason and Patricia Morgan (Randy) all of Port Huron; very close friend, Lori Bambusch of Fort Gratiot; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Orren Sr., his mother Jeannette McConnell Burgett, and his wife Gail Burgett.

His family honors the memory of Orren and invites you to visit and share Thursday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale, and attend funeral services 11:00 a.m. Friday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Rev. Lisa Clark, associate pastor of Capac Methodist Churches, will officiate.

Burial will be in Ruby Cemetery, Clyde Township.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book

[kaatzfunerals.com](http://kaatzfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Yale  
10 S. Main Street  
Yale, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Our condolences from California. My parents have lost a good friend.##imported-begin##Josh & Emily (Nicholson) Walter##imported-end##

March 22, 2009 at 01:34 AM



“ I have so many memories of Orren and Gail. I am sorry I can not make it home for the services. My thoughts and love to everyone.##imported-begin##Jason Hill##imported-end##

March 20, 2009 at 03:32 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you for your sudden loss. I only met Orren a couple of years ago, but since then, I grew to know him as a very kind, generous and giving man. There wasn't a thing he wouldn't do to help others, and he did so without being asked. Orren will be greatly missed.

Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Lynda Gugel##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 11:42 PM



“ Shelle, Very sorry to hear about your Dad. Just want you to know we are thinking about you and your family. I am very sorry I will not be able to come to the funeral home. You have our prayers, Jay and Mary.##imported-begin##Jay and Mary Martiny##imported-end##

March 18, 2009 at 07:26 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Doug Butler Class of '62'##imported-end##

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March 18, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ On behalf of the officers and firefighters of Brown City Area Fire Rescue, we extend our sincerest condolences to Orren's family and his Clyde Township fire family in their hour of sorrow.##imported-begin##Lt. Keith Redlin##imported-end##

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March 18, 2009 at 02:12 PM



“ Was saddened to hear about Orren. He will be missed. I am thankful that he came to my home in Arizona and stayed with us a few years ago on his motorcycle trip.##imported-begin##Tom and Cindy King##imported-end##

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March 18, 2009 at 11:46 AM



“ MAY PEACE BE WITH YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. O.B. WAS A GREAT MAN AND WILL BE MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN WITH CONDOLENCES TAKE CARE.THEY DONT MAKE MEN LIKE O.B.ANY MORE.##imported-begin##DALE C MILLS##imported-end##

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March 18, 2009 at 10:07 AM



“ The Officers and Members of the Michigan State Firemen's Association join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the family in this hour of sorrow.##imported-begin##Joe Edgerton Secretary/Treasure##imported-end##

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March 18, 2009 at 08:21 AM



“ Jeanette & Chad - I am so very sorry of your loss - these sound like such stupid words because that is what everyone says; but I don't know what else to say. I did not know Orren but Roger talked about him a lot and had a huge respect and liking for him. Why does God do allow these things to happen when we least expect - I don't know; maybe to draw us closer to Him. Please know I am praying for you guys and for God's overwhelming peace and presence to fill your life.

Janice##imported-begin##Janice Huntington##imported-end##

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March 18, 2009 at 08:13 AM



“ I would like to express my condolences to the family. I worked with Orren at the Sheriff's dept back in the 80's. Sorry to hear about his passing; please know that he is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Vera Ashford##imported-end##

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March 18, 2009 at 07:48 AM



“ Orren will be deeply missed; my deepest sympathies to his family. I will remember Orren full of life with his big smile on his face and the way he always seemed truly glad to see ya. I feel blessed to have known him; my prayers are with all of you as you mourn his passing. God Bless, Amanda###imported-begin###Amanda (May) Mack###imported-end##

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March 17, 2009 at 09:45 PM



“ We have known Orrin since the 60's and had the pleasure of visiting him and Gale three years ago when we were in Port Huron. He was truly a great friend for a lot of years. We are every sorry to learn of his passing.###imported-begin###The Konye's From Calif. (Andy, Ron, Bob and Christine)###imported-end##

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March 17, 2009 at 06:49 PM



“ Sorry to hear about the loss of Orren. I/we always liked Orren and he always treated me fairly and honestly. He is now in a better place with Gail. Sorry we could not be there in person, but I am stationed in the Bahamas with the wife. Wishing the Burgett family all the best. GOD BLESS###imported-begin###Doug and Pam Koschnitzke###imported-end##

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March 17, 2009 at 09:46 AM



“ I will miss Orren stopping by my house in Oklahoma on one of his many motorhome tours or motorcycle trips. That boy liked to travel. He seemed to always have a day to sit and talk about the old days when we were in the service. His memory was better than mine and he could recall the smallest details which never ceased to amaze me. I will always have good memories about Orren. He will be missed..##imported-begin##John Andrews##imported-end##

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March 16, 2009 at 07:23 PM