



## William O. Burks

April 20, 1974 - September 14, 2017

William O. Burks, 43, of Winter Park Florida passed away on Thursday September 14, 2017. He was born on April 20, 1974 in Jacksonville, Florida to William Burks and Cynthia P. Gallegos. Memorial of celebration of life will be on September 23, 2017 at Birdies: 1044 Park St. Jax. FL 32204, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. In lieu of flowers please give to Dell's favorite charity: [pipelinetoacure.org](http://pipelinetoacure.org)

Dell was survived by his father, William Burks, spouse Margaret, Step sister Natalie. His mother, Cynthia, spouse Sal Gallegos, sister, Chona, brother in law Parish Tanner and their children, Ethan, Skylar and Alice, step sister Tracy, brother in law, Sly Brito and their children Natalia and Gabriel, along with loving Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Let us not forget his beloved Dog Murphy, and psychotic cat Magic.

He left a 17 year legacy at Full Sail University. The world has lost a gentle soul today our beloved Dell. He was our soft-spoken, giving and kind hearted son, brother, nephew, uncle and friend. He pushed himself hard to succeed in his career and in his relationships. Dell had such a big heart. He couldn't say no to people in need, even when it was hurtful to him. His generous nature left a trail of friends and loves me better by his presence in their lives. He was sympathetic and empathetic. Thoughtful and kind. Still always try to present a positive attitude. He had an unexpected sense of humor and could turn a frustrating experience into his side splitting story, all the while keeping a straight face.

Dell was there when you needed him, he could help you move, chauffeur you to a special birthday celebration, teach you how to use a slot machine, play cribbage with Gigi, be your tech-support guy, and so much more.

He was patient. He was stubborn. He could be unshakable in his believes. And he could spend hours talking about it. Don't go there.

He was adventurous and curious. From DJing, Jui Jitsu And boxing, to coffee with butter he was willing to try anything like having a different car every other month.

Dell loved family. He was on a quest to find that elusive soulmate and make a family of his own.

Dell, we are blessed that you have been part of our lives. You are in printed into our being. Nothing can take that away. You are free now and in that we take comfort.

# Comments

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“ Dell was probably one of the nicest people I have ever known. This news made me incredibly sad. God speed Dell!

Dan Borwick

Dan Borwick - August 01, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ 30 files added to the album My gentle son



Cynthia Gallegos - July 18, 2018 at 04:31 PM

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“ I miss you babe



Courts - November 22, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ A wonderful brother to my best friend, Chona and a loving son to both sets of parents...Dell you will forever be missed!

Lisa Wasageshik - September 25, 2017 at 09:19 PM

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“ Dell was the best brother a girl could have. He always protected me even when I knocked him off the couch and he broke his arm. He was always there when I needed him and we were like two peas in a pod. Wherever he was I was not far behind. I joined boy scouts with him and went to boyscout camp with him. We played t-ball and soccer together. I went to his favorite dance place several times with him Eisteins and he even went to the county bars with me. He was quite the trooper.

Always taking care of me. He is greatly loved and missed but I know he is up there looking down from heaven helping us whenever needed.

**Chona Burks-Tanner** - September 25, 2017 at 08:37 PM

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“ Chona Burks-Tanner lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



**Chona Burks-Tanner** - September 25, 2017 at 08:32 PM

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“ Just gobsmacked. Dell and I go back a long way at Full Sail. Such a nice guy. Soft-spoken and always had time for me. What a life and what a loss. Rest in peace my friend.



**Andrew Barras** - September 21, 2017 at 02:04 PM

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“ Lynne Spencer lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



**Lynne Spencer** - September 20, 2017 at 12:30 PM

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“ My favorite baby brother....i can hear him say, "awww, i love you too". I would have loved to live closer to home to have spent more time together.

**Teresa Brito** - September 20, 2017 at 05:16 AM

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“ Jaime Ferguson lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



**Jaime Ferguson** - September 19, 2017 at 03:35 PM

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“ Breana Skiles lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



**Breana Skiles** - September 19, 2017 at 02:45 PM

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“ Jan Martinovic lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



**Jan Martinovic** - September 19, 2017 at 01:01 AM

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“ You will be missed my friend



Jan Martinovic - September 19, 2017 at 12:54 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William O. Burks.



September 18, 2017 at 11:08 PM

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“ Tammie Faircloth lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



Tammie Faircloth - September 18, 2017 at 08:07 PM

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“ Donna Fontanazza lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



Donna Fontanazza - September 18, 2017 at 02:44 PM

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“ My memory of Dell on a Halloween night sums it all up. So Dell had been in his room for weeks working on something. Finally he says he has been working on a Dj set and he will be DJing downtown on Halloween. Wow! Ok Dells playing out, Im definitely going to see this. So I head downtown to meet him at he bar....I can't remember if it was Halloween or just Halloween weekend...so I'm waiting the bar. I talk stranger with a big mustache , dark sunglasses, and curly hair settles in next to me to ask how my night is going. I tried to ignore them but then I take another look....it's Dell! I laughed so hard, but it really was a believable costume...he rocked that mustache. My point is, whenever I though Dell was just being elusive and quiet over there...he was really working on something big. He always surprised me. Don't let his soft voice fool you, he was always thinking and planning. I'll miss the way he would wave alllllll the way from across the parking lot at work. the way he always asked how you were doing and he meant it, he cared deeply for everyone around him. Im so lucky to have known him and I know his strong spirit still surrounds us. I'll look for you among the stars my sweet dude.

**Mande Duda** - September 17, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ This is so my Dell, when Dell told a story about his day or some adventure, all I could do is laugh.

**Cynthia** - September 18, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ If memories sustain us in our loss then we will have you close forever Dell. The baby face, red with barbeque sauce from gnawing a chicken leg; the Cub Scout earning his badges; teen years learning how to run faster than the bullies; jobs leading to a desire for something better; graduating from Full Sail and off on a career, always learning the latest technology;the soft voice, patience in explaining anything "computer" to me; the love he always shared with our family. My life is richer with all the memories of my gentle nephew, Dell. Aunt Angela

**Angela Price** - September 17, 2017 at 12:22 AM



“ Thank you dear sister, love that little chicken face with barbecue sauce

**Cynthia** - September 18, 2017 at 06:05 PM



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Cynthia Gallegos - September 16, 2017 at 10:42 PM

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“ Dell...the guy that was full of surprises, forever a gentleman, always a friendly face. His smiles were worth a million bucks. He will be remembered as an amazing man.



Mande Duda - September 16, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ Thank you Mande, yes that smile and soft spoken, my smooth Gentle soul

Cynthia - September 18, 2017 at 06:04 PM

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mary estelle - September 16, 2017 at 04:35 PM

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“ Mary Estelle lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



mary estelle - September 16, 2017 at 03:46 PM

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“ Sandy Welker Creech lit a candle in memory of William O. Burks



**Sandy Welker Creech** - September 16, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ Working with you over 12 years - we shared some good and bad times at Full Sail. I was lucky to work side by side with you, learning new technologies together with the back ups and storage! There were so many changes as Full Sail went from a small school to where it is today, and you handled it all with ease! I know you will be missed by many. Rest in peace my friend.

**Sandy** - September 16, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ Thank you Sandy, Dell spoke of you often, Dell's Mom Cynthia

**Cynthia Gallegos** - September 16, 2017 at 11:30 PM



“ Dell was the sweetest baby ever. Cindy and I worked nights at the Federal Reserve and lots of times I would come home with her and I would get to wake him up. He loved to cuddle, I swear out of all my nieces and nephews, he was the most loving child. Cindy and I would take turns making him laugh cause it was so contagious. Just hearing his laughter made you smile. After I moved away, I didn't get to visit often. When we did get together Dell would always tell me about Cindy and Sal and everything they had going on. I didn't know how hard life had become for Dell until my sister Marie called and told me about his battle with addiction and requested I keep him in my prayers. I know they grew close and that Dell was precious to her because whenever we talked she would always remind me to pray for him. After she passed away, Dell stayed in my mind and I continued to pray for him, Cindy and Billy.

I know in my heart the Dell was welcomed into the hereafter by his loving grandparents, his Aunt Kathy and his Aunt Marie. He is not alone and neither are we cause we have many wonderful memories to comfort us. We have our faith that we will see Dell again and we have one another. It is my prayer that the peace of Christ, the comfort and support of the Blessed Mother and the healing presence of the Holy Spirit be with all that grieve Dell's passing.

**Mary Estelle Hill-Jensen** - September 16, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ Thank you sweet Mary, love you always

**Cynthia** - September 18, 2017 at 06:02 PM



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Cynthia Gallegos - September 16, 2017 at 04:38 AM