



## Thomas Allan Burns

September 30, 1965 - February 19, 2016

Age 50, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2016 at his home. He was born September 30, 1965 in Flemington, NJ, the son of Allan F. and Asenath (Payne) Burns. On August 8, 1987 in Collegeville, PA, he married Joy Litka, and she survives. He graduated from Coatesville Area Senior High School in Coatesville, PA in 1983 and then from Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA, in 1987 with a double major in Physics and Computer Science. It was there he met the love of his life, Joy, to whom he had the privilege of being married for 28 years. He began his career in software development at Texas Instruments in Dallas, TX, but most recently worked for almost 16 years at MSCI, where he attained a title of Vice President. He had been an active member of Saline First United Methodist Church since moving to Michigan in the summer of 1993, leading Sunday School classes, playing handbells, and serving on numerous committees. He was an avid cyclist, handyman, video gamer, train enthusiast, and science fiction aficionado. He loved camping with his family, baking and breadmaking, and had a unparalleled wit. He had a deep love for his family, and a deeper love for his savior Jesus Christ.

Survivors in addition to his wife include their children Nathaniel (Anna) Burns, Dillon (Jennifer) Burns, Tate Burns, and Ian Burns. Other survivors include his parents Allan and Senie Burns, his brothers John (Suzy) Burns and Robert (Janice) Burns, his sister Laurie Burns, and his father-in-law Lane (Kia) Litka. He was preceded in death by his grandparents. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the Saline First United

Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle officiating. In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made to Good News Magazine (<http://goodnewsmag.org/>) or the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti (<http://www.thehopeclinic.org/>). Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and again on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. A luncheon will follow the service at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. To sign Tom's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsalinel.com](http://www.rbfhsalinel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline  
1200 North Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI  
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

## Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline  
1200 North Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI  
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

## Memorial Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline  
1200 North Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI  
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

## Luncheon

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FEB 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline  
1200 North Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI  
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Allan Burns*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, If you need anything please give me a call. My deepest sympathy. Sherri (from Sherri's Care)*



**Sherri, (from Sherri Care)** - February 26, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ *Tom is a great man and was a great mentor. He has helped me shape my career and taught me many, many things as a colleague. I will miss him greatly.*

**Adam Pepler** - February 25, 2016 at 05:54 PM



“ *My wonderful memory of Tom was his excellent leadership in our Church Council meetings at FUMC in Saline. He always gave the most godly, thoughtful devotional before we started and it made me think and made a difference in my life.*

*Don & I enjoyed knowing Tom, Joy, and their sons; a wonderful family who were always willing to do their part and make a difference in the lives of others.*

*May God's comfort, strength, and peace be with all of you as you cherish the memories of your husband and father. You are in our prayers, Andrea & Don Maddock*

**Andrea Maddock** - February 25, 2016 at 04:34 PM

KA

“ Dear Joy, Nate, Dillon, Tate and Ian,

*I can only imagine how difficult it has been with the loss of Tom - your husband and father. I hope you will find comfort in all of the fine memories you had together as a family. It has been heartwarming to live next door to a family who obviously care so much about each other. During the last fourteen years, I saw from a distance, four boys grow up with parents who obviously loved their family. Hang on to your memories and know you are blessed.*  
Kathleen

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Kathleen - February 24, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Allan Burns.



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February 24, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Allan Burns.



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February 22, 2016 at 04:48 PM

RH

“ Wonderful Man of God. Praising & Celebrating the legacy he leaves with us in and of himself, absolutely witnessed in his amazing children and wife, Joy. Such an awesome family. My condolences and prayers are with you all today. May God enfold you with His great love, embrace you with His Divine comfort, strengthen you and give you peace during this time of trial.

*Roger Heffelbower*



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**Roger Heffelbower** - February 22, 2016 at 03:23 PM

MO

“ MSCI Colleagues in Norman, OK purchased the A Full Life for the family of Thomas Allan Burns.



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**MSCI Colleagues in Norman, OK** - February 22, 2016 at 03:21 PM

TD

“ Thought I'd share a work photo of Tom. This is probably midnight or later working a project with guys from Ann Arbor and Norman. Working with Tom was always fun. We will miss him.



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**Troy Daley** - February 22, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Thomas Burns*



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**Ginger Liemohn** - February 22, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *Tom was such an influential believer,, and always honest and forthcoming. An exemplary life who will be missed by all. My prayers to the family.*

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**Margo Perry** - February 21, 2016 at 10:50 PM