



## Daniel D. Burgess

September 28, 2020

Daniel D. Burgess of Freeport suddenly on September 28, 2020. Director for L.I.T.L.S.S. of Freeport. Beloved husband of Agnes. Loving father of Shawn, Daniel, and Kevin. Dear grandfather of 6. Family will receive friends on Thursday October 1st from 12:00 - 2:00PM. Religious Service Thursday 2:00PM. Cremation Private During this unprecedented time, and in compliance with guidelines stipulated by the Centers for Disease Control and the NYS Department of Health, we are forced to limit attendance at visitations, memorials, and funeral services to 50 people or less. Our staff may ask mourners to wait outside the chapel, outside the funeral home, or to keep their visit brief so as to allow others an opportunity to mourn. While in the funeral home, we are requesting all visitors to wear a mask and to limit physical contact such as hugging, handshaking, or contact with the face. There is also hand sanitizer readily available.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

# Tribute Wall



“ Oscar&Selena Russi and 3 others have purchased flowers for the family of Daniel Burgess. Send Flowers Guaranteed hand delivery by a local florist

November 12, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ Burgess Family posted a condolence The family would like to share a link to the funeral service for Daniel, which you can find below. <https://livestream.com/soule/dburgess?t=1601909785>

**Burgess Family** - October 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Brian Shaev posted a condolence I am so deeply sad to learn that Danny passed away last week. He was such a kind and generous soul when I was growing up and an exemplar of cool-headedness under pressure as I also came to know when I was older while working with him. I've lost a precious piece of my childhood as I am sure have countless others. It makes me regret all the more that I hadn't returned home on LI to be able to see him these last years. My warmest greetings and deepest condolences to Danny's family from across the sea, and especially to Danny Jr and Kevin with whom I was able to experience precious moments of growing up together on Danny's court that I will value my entire life. Brian Shaev

**Brian Shaev** - October 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Ana Hernandez uploaded photo(s) *My life will definitely change. I always knew that I had someone that would make sure I was on the right path in my complicated life. He’s been there in my highs and my lows always knowing what to say to help me. He’s made me grow love for tennis. We work at the US OPEN together and we would be lunch buddies and adventure through stadiums hoping to run into Serena or Nadal even though we worked in different departments. He always had faith in me and in one of his recent texts he said “I believe you are going to accomplish great things. Don’t allow any to distract or discouraged you.” I will forever cherish everything he’s done for me. May god receive an angel as he looks down at us making sure we keep the backhands he’s taught us. May you Rest In Peace Mr.Daniel.*

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**Ana Hernandez** - October 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Rev. Dr. Louis J. Hutchinson, III uploaded photo(s) *I am incredibly sad to hear the news about Danny. He started teaching me tennis when I was only 9 years old. I am 55 now. I went on to play Division 1 Tennis at GWU. But most important, I am a Reverend and a Doctor from humble beginnings that was influenced by his examples of love, faith in God, service, commitment, and sacrifice. His example has given incredible guidance to my life and the life of my children. I know without question that his soul is at peace. I pray with supplication that a time will come that his wife, children and grandchildren will have that peace in the land of the living. God I thank you for Danny’s life. Danny I thank you for your impact on my life. I love you. Rev. Dr. Louis J. Hutchinson, III*

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**Rev. Dr. Louis J. Hutchinson, III** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Vlad and Svetlana purchased flowers Vlad and Svetlana purchased the Beautiful Dreams and planted a memorial tree for the family of Daniel Burgess. Send Flowers*

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**Vlad and Svetlana** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Love, Debbie, Davin & Dylan Garcia purchased flowers Love, Debbie, Davin & Dylan Garcia purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Daniel Burgess. Send Flowers*

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**Love, Debbie, Davin & Dylan Garcia** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Deborah Garcia Family uploaded photo(s) Soon after I was widowed my 8 year-old’s tennis coach (Dan B.) said: “you need to play tennis, hit a hundred thousand balls, I’ll teach you.” It got me out of the house and my grievous headspace when the kids were in school, expanded my world with new relationships, and gave me attainable goals...and some fun. Freeport Indoor became our second home. He picked up my kids, drove them to his academy, to Queens, to tournaments, gave them dinner, drove them home. An unexpected solid in our lives. I have developed a life-long love for the game that keeps me physically and mentally fit. We moved to VT when My son was in HS. He was suffering emotionally. But he had the tools to strategize, put the Top spin on his opponents, and fight the voice that tears you up. He went on to become the second singles champion at Essex high school, bringing the team to state championship and played in college. He took my four year old in without cost. He too had gone on to take the Doubles Vermont State championship at age 18. Tennis is a game played on a court in which a ball is driven back and forth over a low net that divides the court. Dan, you drove it home. You served balls in all of our courts, a low net stretched across the full breadth of your expanse, undivided.

Dan, Yours is a generous spirit. You are the epitome of everything a man ought to be; kind, selfless, dependable, and encouraging. Teacher, mentor, friend. Family man, of the big family, of which myself and the boys have been so fortunate to have been a part of for over two decades. Light of the world.

Big love, big loss, big gratitude. We are stitched together by all we have survived. His spirit lives in our hearts forever. Peace be with Agnes, Shawn, Daniel Jr & Kevin.

I Love you, my friend. Transcend our love by giving Dave a hug. We are all one brilliant soul.

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Deborah Garcia Family - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

OR

“ Oscar&Selena Russi purchased flowers Oscar&Selena Russi purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray and planted a memorial tree for the family of Daniel Burgess. Send Flowers

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**Oscar&Selena Russi** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Russi selena lit a candle

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**Russi selena** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Deborah Garcia Family lit a candle

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**Deborah Garcia Family** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Marjorie Smith lit a candle My deepest condolences to the Burgess family. Daniel was a very friendly man, always has a smile and a kind word to share. I can just imagine the pain his family and the Tennis community is feeling. May the God of all comfort, comfort and strengthen you all.

*Marjorie Smith*

*136 Parsons*

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**Marjorie Smith** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Jada uploaded photo(s) I wish that I got the chance to let you know how much you mean to me. I am so thankful for everything that you did for me! You were always there for me and times when I didn't call or check in you reached out to make sure that everything was okay with me. I definitely will miss our talks! You were more than a tennis coach to me, you treated me like family and I will cherish all the moments we shared. Love always - Jada

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**Jada** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

UP

“ Urvashi Patel lit a candle RIP coach Daniel!! Always in our hearts. Thank you for making tennis so much fun. Miss you so much!!!

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**Urvashi Patel** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

UP

“ Urvashi Patel uploaded photo(s) Miss you coach Daniel. RIP!!!

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**Urvashi Patel** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Arthur Vandelay uploaded photo(s) This photo is a happy place. I'm constantly hearing "where's your follow-through?" several times an hour in my head. All our best from the heartbroken Traina's - Frankie, Jesse, Kristen and Frank  
Eternal rest grant unto Daniel, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May Daniel's soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**Arthur Vandelay** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Laura Curran uploaded photo(s)

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**Laura Curran** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Dominick Totino purchased flowers Dominick Totino purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet and planted a memorial tree for the family of Daniel Burgess. Send Flowers*

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**Dominick Totino** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *David Brod posted a condolence Daniel and I were definitely brother's from another mother. We met over 40 years ago at Freeport Indoor Tennis. Numerous tennis balls, numerous dinners and more laughs than I could ever count. My heart is broken. You were the best of the best. You will be missed forever. Always keep the last ball in play, my brother. Love you always, David.*

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**David Brod** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Kevin Molese uploaded photo(s)*

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**Kevin Molese** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *linda bracco posted a symbolic gesture Danny, Prayers to you and your family. We Love You, and you will be missed forever  
I am sure you are teaching the angels how to play tennis, you where the best  
A true gentleman of the community.  
Our love,  
The Bracco family*

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**linda bracco** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Elaine LaPersonerie posted a symbolic gesture The loss of this man is unfathomable. Same for the number of lives he’s changed over the last 60+ years. Mine included.*

*I feel like I lost so many things in one guy - a tennis coach, a mentor, an advocate, a friend, a big brother, a father and a grandfather. In some ways, he was all of those to me. And truly, that is only just the beginning of what kind of man he was. His gifts came in so many shapes and sizes. But the greatest was how he made you feel like you were his favorite. That was his magic. That was his god-given purpose and role here. And he did a hell of a job.*

*He pushed me to two first-place wins - when I literally thought I sucked. I got out of bed every weekend at the crack of dawn for the last six years because he believed in me more than I believed in myself honestly. And on my shitty days, he believed in me even more - because according to him - when you play like shit, you’re actually getting better. Maybe I was. Or maybe it was just that magic of his working.*

*I feel like knowing him and then losing him is my most important lesson. He’s left me on my own to dig deep and find in me, what he saw. And of course to absolutely "hit the ball like a woman". I will hit that ball Dan in your honor and I will hear you in my head cheering for me on the days I really suck.*

*RIP my forever friend. And coach, Daniel.*

*You have already been gone too long.*

*Elaine LaPersonerie*

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**Elaine LaPersonerie** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Bonnie Cohen and Family lit a candle First of all, on behalf of my entire family, I would like to send my sincerest condolences to the family.

Daniel was a shining light to all. It was never only a smile, but he greeted you with a hug, and always kind words and asked about you and your family. It was never simply a cordial greeting, but he really cared! He made Carefree feel like “home” to me, and definitely inspired my love of tennis.

I considered him more a personal friend than a coach. He was always happy to socialize outside of the club, and made it a point to come to both of my shivas. I know the same went for everyone!!! His smile filled a room. He was always upbeat! There is so much more I can say, but essentially it’s just to say what a wonderful man we lost. So sorry for his early demise, but glad he went peacefully. I know he would be saying to all of us, enjoy your lives. I know I enjoyed mine, thanks to all of you! Rest In Peace, Daniel!❤️

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**Bonnie Cohen and Family** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie Cohen planted a tree in memory of Daniel Burgess Daniel, you were an exceptional person; kind, caring, loving, friendly; all positive attributes, aside from an excellent coach!!! Bonnie C &Family Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

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September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Linda bracco lit a candle

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**Linda bracco** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Armanda Martin lit a candle To the Burgess family, We are deeply saddened by the news of Daniel’s passing. It was an honor and a blessing to have known him and he will be greatly missed.*

*May our Lord bless and watch over your family during this time of grief, provide comfort and peace to get them through the days ahead. Please accept our sincere condolences. Rest In Peace Daniel!!! Armanda and Dennis Martin*

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**Armanda Martin** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Barbara McVea posted a condolence I am heartbroken and devastated over the sudden loss of my coach, mentor and most of all my friend Daniel. Daniel taught me to play tennis over 27 years ago. We had been hitting and talking and smiling ever since. He always had time for you. Always asked “how’s the kids” and he genuinely meant it. He was the most inclusive person I ever met. No matter who you were or where you came from, everyone had a seat at Danny’s table. Rest peacefully Dan. You were a giant in the eyes of all of us. My sincere condolences to the entire Burgess family. May God bless you all*

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**Barbara McVea** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Erika & Andy Diaz lit a candle Our sincere condolences to Daniel's family. Daniel was such a kind-hearted, caring, and wonderful man with an infectious smile. He made everyone feel welcome, and had such a warm presence. He was a wonderful coach who always motivated and encouraged us to keep playing and practicing. His love of tennis and people was apparent to all. We will miss you Daniel.*

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**Erika & Andy Diaz** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Victoria Shaev posted a condolence We are so saddened to hear of Danny’s passing. We have many fond memories of Danny on the court, especially at Freeport Indoor Tennis. He inspired so many through his love of the game. His commitment to bringing this love to his community exemplified his giving spirit. We all will miss him. The Shaev Family, Vicky, David, Brian & Jason*

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**Victoria Shaev** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *The family of Daniel D. Burgess uploaded a photo*

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