



Edward Owen Burke

November 21, 1934 - December 3, 2012

Edward Owen Burke, age 78, of Dixon, died Monday December 3, 2012 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born in Amboy, November 21, 1934, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Antoine) Burke.

Ed was a farmer for many years in the Maytown and Walton areas. He held positions with many organizations including, United Parcel of Freeport, Albrecht Grain Company of Harmon, Eldena Co-op, Anchor Coupling of Dixon, BorgWarner of Dixon and was currently Manager for Premier Wash, Dixon.

He married Lucella (Lu Morrissey) in Walton, IL, on May 7, 1955.

Ed was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon and Lee County Democrats. He was very active with his large family and many friends. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and was cracking jokes right to the end. He is very proud of his wife, kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

He was preceded in death by a great granddaughter Emily Cullen; a great grandson Andrew Tobin; 2 sisters Mary Ellen (John) Murray and Margaret "Peg" (Nate) Friel; 2 brothers Joseph (Doris) Burke and Francis Burke; brother-in-law Clarence Johnson; sister-in-law Mary Jean Burke.

Survivors include his wife Lu of Dixon; 10 children, Julie (Scott) Helfrich, Terry (Ron) Hicks, Dan (Sandy) Burke, Joe (Asami) Burke, Pat (Tim) Oliver all of Dixon, Sue (Randy) Kaiser of Hampton, Ted (Carol) Burke of Poplar Grove, Mag (Diana) Burke of St. Charles, Molly (Mike) Baerson of Buffalo Grove and Jennifer (Luke) Lefever of Elkhart IN; 33 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; siblings Sr. Regina Johnson, S.L., of Nerinx KY, Dan (Vivian) Burke of Dixon, Elizabeth (William) Widolff of Rock Falls, and sister-in-law Darlene Burke of Mendota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 11:00 AM in St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Cremation will follow with burial of cremains at a later date in St. Michael Cemetery Sandy Hill. Visitation will be held on Friday December 7, at the Holloway Center at St Patrick Catholic Church from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the rosary recited at 7:30 PM. Funeral arrangements by Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Owen Burke*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Edward Owen Burke*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM

“ Dear Papa,



The day I married your son, you said "I can never have too many beautiful daughters!, and that is how you always treated me, like one of your own. You were all so welcoming to me and my two little girls and treated us like we had always belonged to you. Over the years, you were never too busy to say a kind word or give big hugs, or if I caught your eye across the yard at a family gathering, you'd give me a wink. As Ted and I began to have a family of our own, no one was happier than you to welcome the new babies. All of your grandchildren and great grandchildren were special and all made you quite proud!

Though our family gatherings could be boisterous affairs, you would find a quiet moment to say something personal to each of us and we all loved your stories! Lord how they made us laugh until we sometimes cried! My personal favorites were always about the escapades of the various kids, cars, goofy animals coming into the kitchen, and what ever happened on the farm. I also loved hearing about your child hood, your parents and siblings and what it was like growing up long ago and how you felt about things. I don't remember at what point I began to call you and Lu, Mom and Dad, but it just felt right.

I will always be grateful for the kindnesses you showed me, but more so, for the fine example you set in being a faithful and loving husband, a proud father and grandfather as well as a genuinely caring friend to all. What I really loved about you was that you were a man of faith and you weren't afraid to show anyone that you didn't just depend on yourself but turned to God and His wisdom. You always knew who you were, no matter what condition your condition was in.

I know I will see you again someday Papa, until then, I send you a big hug and a kiss. You will be missed so much, and you will always

be loved!

Carol Burke - December 19, 2012 at 12:13 PM

DH

“ *David And Lisa Hellyer lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke*



David and Lisa Hellyer - December 11, 2012 at 08:22 AM

DH

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Ed Burke. Dave, Lisa, Lily and Rose Hellyer

David and Lisa Hellyer - December 11, 2012 at 08:23 AM

JH

“ *I'm not sure exactly how tall Eddie was, I'd say 5' 6" but he handled himself as if he were 6' 5", especially when he was up in the cab of his 18 wheeler...going to miss you for sure Eddie...."Ol Blue" a great leader in his quiet manner!*

Jim and Laurie Henkel

James P. Henkel - December 08, 2012 at 09:02 AM

KR

“ *To the Family of Ed Burke: Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of Ed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Ken and Jane Reuter*

Kenneth Reuter - December 07, 2012 at 05:53 PM

FS

“ Fox Valley ATC Staff lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke



Fox Valley ATC Staff - December 07, 2012 at 05:15 PM

SM

“ Susan McCoy lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke



Susan McCoy - December 07, 2012 at 04:24 PM

KB

“ Karen Burke-Baylor lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke



Karen Burke-Baylor - December 07, 2012 at 12:53 PM



“ Tulips and Pine was purchased for the family of Edward Owen Burke.



December 07, 2012 at 12:43 PM

SB

“ Sherrie Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke



sherrie blackburn - December 07, 2012 at 11:24 AM

TE

“ The RCIA Group of St Ednas purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edward Owen Burke.



The RCIA Group of St Ednas - December 06, 2012 at 04:30 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Owen Burke.



December 06, 2012 at 09:09 AM

CC

“ Carolyn Carlson lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke



Carolyn Carlson - December 06, 2012 at 08:05 AM

TF

“ *The Blayney & Devine family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward Owen Burke.*



The Blayney & Devine family - December 05, 2012 at 04:04 PM

SR

“ *Starla Ross lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke*



Starla Ross - December 05, 2012 at 11:11 AM

SH

“ *Sheilabaerson lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke*



sheilabaerson - December 05, 2012 at 10:08 AM

TB

“ *Tara Bluhoff lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke*



Tara Bluhoff - December 04, 2012 at 11:13 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Edward Owen Burke.*



December 04, 2012 at 06:02 PM



“ *Our heartfelt Sympathy to you all in this difficult time of losing someone you all loved and looked up to very much. All though he is no longer with you physically, remember he is always with you in spirit. We are confident that he is smiling down upon all of you.*



Mr. Ed Burke and all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You.

Ed was a wonderful employee and will be greatly missed by us all at Premier Wash!

Marlies and Markus Fisch

Jeri and Tony Zueger

Paul Fisch

Marlies and Markus Fisch - December 04, 2012 at 05:54 PM



“ *Blanche Pattis purchased the Emerald Garden B asket for the family of Edward Owen Burke.*



Blanche Pattis - December 04, 2012 at 04:26 PM



“ Cheryl's Signature Sympathy Tower was purchased for the family of Edward Owen Burke.



December 04, 2012 at 04:07 PM



“ Cheryl's Signature Sympathy Tower was purchased for the family of Edward Owen Burke.



December 04, 2012 at 04:04 PM



“ I miss you, Daddy. Love, Molly

Molly Baerson - December 04, 2012 at 10:57 AM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Edward Owen Burke.



December 04, 2012 at 09:42 AM

KL

“ 1 file added to the album *Morgan's First Communion*



Katherine Leslie - December 04, 2012 at 09:16 AM

RF

“ We will miss you "Grandpa Ed" so very much.
Best neighbor and friend anyone could have.



Roberts Family - December 04, 2012 at 07:50 AM

RM

“ Ed was sincerely a wonderful man and will truly be missed. He will be kept alive for many many years by the abundance of memories that we all have that will be shared many times over. My heart is with you all during this trying time.



Rachelle Miller-Hicks - December 03, 2012 at 10:41 PM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers for your family.



Jenny Christ - December 03, 2012 at 09:37 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Bobbe Oliver - December 03, 2012 at 09:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Bobbe Oliver - December 03, 2012 at 09:09 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Edward Owen Burke*



December 03, 2012 at 08:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



Maggie Burke - December 03, 2012 at 07:53 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Maggie Burke - December 03, 2012 at 07:51 PM