



## Patricia A. Burke

July 10, 1946 - January 29, 2021

Patricia A. "Pat" Burke Died on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 with her family present. Pat was born in Geneseo, IL on July 10, 1946 the daughter of Dale R. and Lois (Ellenwood) Sherrard. She graduated from Amboy High School, Amboy, IL and received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Business Education from Illinois State University, Normal, IL. Pat taught school in Atlanta, IL, Plano, IL, Franklin Grove, IL, Amboy, IL, and Dixon, IL. Pat was Kendall County Teacher of the Year and Nominee for Illinois Teacher of the Year during the 1972-73 school year.

Pat married William L. "Bill" Burke on Sept. 2, 1967. She was involved in Pro-Life Action League, was an in-home volunteer for several hospices in the area for over 19 years and was an active member and volunteer at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Amboy, IL. Pat was a member of P.E.O., Amboy Civic Organization, the Red Hats, and St. Patrick Women's Organization. Pat enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and attending their events. She was a Chicago White Sox, Chicago Bears, and Amboy Clipper Fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Gary and sister Virginia Wachtel. Pat is survived by her husband, her children Brian (Danielle) Burke of Geneseo, Julie Burke of Bloomington, and Brad (Janelle) Burke of Hudson. Pat is also survived by grandchildren Tamara, Emma, Andrew, Kaden, Kellen, Kenley, and Kaiven, Aubrey, and great grandson Ze'heir; sisters Kathy (Tom) Whitney of Bloomington and Beth (Marion) Deeds of Champaign; sister-in-law Patsy Sherrard of Normal and brother-in-law Tom (Stacie) Wachtel of Lincoln.

She is also survived by many nieces and nephews along with special friends Eileen, Darlene and Mary.

There will be a visitation on Monday February 1, 2021 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM with the Rosary at 7:30 PM at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, IL. Services will be on Tuesday beginning with a 10:00 AM Prayer Service at the funeral home followed by a 10:30 Am Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, IL . Burial will follow at St Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Memorials in Patricia's memory to Teen Turf in Amboy, IL and to the Rock River Hospice Home. The family of Patricia Burke would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Joe Welty for all of his support and to the nurses and staff at the Rock River Hospice Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd  
Amboy, IL 61310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy  
303 East Main Street  
Amboy, IL 61310  
(815) 857-2611  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

FEB 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy  
32 N Jones  
Amboy, IL 61310

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia A. Burke*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Patricia A. Burke*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *This is sad news - Patty Sherrard Burke was clearly one of the nicest and most enthusiastic members of the AHS class of 1964. I was closer with her brother, Gary, but knew her from her many activities at school, including that of cheerleader. After graduation, she was always involved in class reunions and other community activities. Her husband, William (Billie) Burke's home was only about a mile from my family's house when we lived in East Grove He is another terrific individual who has ben a wonderful husband to Patty. My condolences to Bill and his whole family - the world has lost a wonderful person with an electrifying smile. May God less you all.*

Don Wells - July 02, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Burke.*



February 01, 2021 at 10:28 AM

PP

“ To Bill and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Pat was a special and gifted woman, a great business teacher and a wonderful acquaintance. I was blessed to know her these past few years. May Jesus bring His comfort and peace in the difficult days ahead. You are in my prayers. Patricia Pessman



Patricia Pessman - January 31, 2021 at 04:06 PM

MB

“ Marilyn Braidia lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Burke



Marilyn Braidia - January 31, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Burke.



January 31, 2021 at 10:09 AM

SJ

“ I will always remember her smile and her big heart. She always was there with a helping hand to students and coworkers. She loved the Lord, her family, and life. I will cherish my memories of my sweet friend. Rest in peace until we meet again in Heaven!

Susan Johnson - January 30, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Burke.*



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January 30, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *Marilyn Braidia lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Burke*



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**Marilyn Braidia** - January 30, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Bill and family, Pat was a very special lady. So many good laughs and times we shared together. She will be missed by many.*

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**Sylvia Schultz** - January 30, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *I am so so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. She was one of my teachers in Franklin Grove. She was one of the reasons I became an author. She was so supportive, she thought everything I wrote was golden, even when it wasn't. I saw her not too long ago and I wish I would have told her how much I appreciated her support all these years. Rest in Peace Pat. You deserve all the glory and happiness Heaven has to offer. I will miss you.*



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**Donna Dillon-Truckenbrod** - January 30, 2021 at 03:42 PM

RM

“ *Bill Burke and family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Pat was an amazing and strong role model to many of us including myself! Her dignity and courage during her illness was something to be remembered and admired! May all the good memories bring you some peace in the days and weeks ahead!*  
*Rose Apple McCulloh*

Rose McCulloh - January 30, 2021 at 01:11 PM

VS

“ *Vickie Skowronski lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Burke*



Vickie Skowronski - January 30, 2021 at 12:28 PM

AK

“ *Amanda Kessel lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Burke*



Amanda Kessel - January 30, 2021 at 08:37 AM

ES

“ *Mrs. Burke was an AWESOME teacher! I had her in the early 70s, for General Business. She was one of a kind. She was a truly nice person and a teacher that I looked forward to seeing every day. RIP, Mrs. Burke. You taught me a lot about life and definitely how to budget my money!*

Erika Salemi - January 30, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Burke.*



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January 29, 2021 at 10:11 PM



“ *Karen Blaine lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Burke*



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**Karen Blaine** - January 29, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Burke.*



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January 29, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Bill and Family , so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I didn't know you very well mostly to say hi at church or Amboy volleyball games. I do remember Pat as always smiling. Again so sorry for your loss. Barb and Ed Henkel*

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**barbara henkel** - January 29, 2021 at 06:17 PM

RM

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to all Pat's family!  
She was an inspiration to so many of us!  
RIP Pat until we meet in Heaven, I am sure you are having a grand  
reunion with so many of your love ones!* 🙏❤️ *Rose Apple McCulloh*

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**Rose McCulloh** - January 29, 2021 at 05:38 PM