



Robert Joseph Burke

July 14, 1942 - March 1, 2014

Robert (Bob) Joseph Burke passed away on March 1, 2014 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL. Bob was born on July 14, 1942 at the Amboy Hospital (IL) to Doris (Bushman) and Joseph Burke. They resided in the Maytown area. After graduating from Franklin Center High School, he joined the U.S. Army. Being stationed in Hawaii began an adventure of living in various locations and a lifetime of traveling the earth. Bob had a career with the Postal Service in Milwaukee, WI. Bob was a lifetime believer in volunteering--particularly with the Irish community in Milwaukee and later in retirement. Bob never married or had children, but through a passion for family research (genealogy) gained an extended family of thousands. He is survived by brothers - Bill (Pat) of Amboy; Gary (Anne) of Winter Haven, FL; Don (Vicki) of Forsyth and one beloved sister - Mary (Watson) Smoot of Dixon; 4 nephews and 6 nieces plus as mentioned previously - many, many cousins (first, second and third). Bob was preceded in death by his parents and two young brothers - James (or Jimmy) in infancy and Joseph Charles (or Joey).

A casual celebration of Bob's Irish heritage will be held at St. Joseph Hall, next to St. Patrick Church in Amboy, IL on Monday, March 3 2014 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM with a funeral Mass at St. Patrick in Maytown on Tuesday, March 4 2014 at 11:00 AM. Burial of cremains will be at Maytown at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please give to the charity of your choice.

Bob and family wish to thank everyone for your support during his illness and

his lifetime.

Cemetery Details

St Patrick Cemetery Maytown

1376 Maytown Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St Joseph Hall
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Church in Maytown
Maytown, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Joseph Burke*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Robert Joseph Burke*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sending my sympathy to the family and friends of Bob Burke. My thoughts are with you. I saw Bob most years at Milwaukee Irish Fest & saw his great collection of Irish film & music memorabilia. He also inspired me to travel to unusual places. He was a great inspiration and I will miss him.*

Sharon Mikulich, Chicago IL

Sharon Mikulich - March 09, 2014 at 10:53 AM



“ *To the Burke Family!*

Sending my deepest sympathy to all at the loss of your brother. May you feel the love and comfort of our blessed God at this time and in the days to come.

Gary Cater

Gary Cater - March 06, 2014 at 12:07 AM

LR

“ The "library ladies" at the Dixon Public Library will miss Bob. He loved to share his collections in our display case. We have lost a true friend of the library. I uploaded some pictures of Bob this past December decorating his favorite tree at the library - he was so proud to see it displayed in front of the arch window for everyone to see.

Lynn Roe - March 05, 2014 at 02:27 PM

LR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lynn Roe - March 05, 2014 at 01:52 PM

TR

“ Tom Ruhland lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Burke



Tom Ruhland - March 03, 2014 at 06:24 PM

BM

“ Bonnie McClain lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Burke



Bonnie McClain - March 03, 2014 at 05:40 PM

JL

“ *John & Diana Lally lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Burke*



John & Diana Lally - March 03, 2014 at 05:34 PM

DF

“ *DAVE MURRAY FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Joseph Burke.*



DAVE MURRAY FAMILY - March 03, 2014 at 03:47 PM

RW

“ *There are many memories of Bob at the YMCA. He was a favorite in the deep water classes. We loved to hear him regale the many adventures of his trips during our classes. He will truly be missed. Thanks Bob for the memories!*

Ronna Wheeler - March 03, 2014 at 02:50 PM

BH

“ *I will remember Bob as the keeper of "The Little Flower Statue". He so very generously donated the statue in our Saint Patrick's Church while I was a secretary there and I always admired his love and protection of the Little Saint. RIP with the Saints Bob!*

Beverly Halsey - March 03, 2014 at 02:46 PM

LA

“ *My condolences to the family. We had some great time at Dysart School. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.*
Lynn Lippert Asp

Lynn Asp - March 03, 2014 at 02:42 PM

BF

“ *Bruce & Kay Brown & Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Burke*



Bruce & Kay Brown & family - March 03, 2014 at 02:15 PM

SM

“ *Bob and I were classmates who graduated from Franklin Center High School in 1960. I first saw him again at our 50th class reunion in 2010. We enjoyed some laughs and memories. The next time I saw him was at the Christmas Open House at the Loveland Community Center in 2013. Bob had changed dramatically, but I had no idea he had been ill. He never mentioned it. He was auctioning his many beautifully decorated theme Christmas trees. He told me it was because he had run out of storage space. I wish I'd known or, at least, I wish I'd been able to say something meaningful to him. He was a really nice guy who had many experiences in his worldwide travels. I extend my sincere sympathy to his family and friends around the world. Sharon Briggs McLane*

Sharon McLane - March 03, 2014 at 01:40 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon McLane - March 03, 2014 at 01:36 PM

SF

“ Sue Devers And Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Burke



Sue Devers and family - March 03, 2014 at 08:33 AM



“ Bob was a great man! We shall miss him dearly at the Leydig Center. I can't go into the break room without thinking of him and his 2 o'clock ice cream breaks! He never left the freezer empty....we will continue his tradition and will think of him fondly!



Susan Johnson - March 02, 2014 at 04:37 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Marilyn Braid* lit a candle in memory of Robert Joseph Burke



Jim and Marilyn Braid - March 01, 2014 at 04:11 PM