



Ralph E. "Roy" Burke

March 2, 1935 - August 5, 2022

Ralph E. "Roy" Burke, 87, of Hampshire, passed away on Friday, August 5, 2022.

He was born on March 2, 1935 in Irving, IL, the son of Ralph and Lenora (Neisler) Burke. He graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School in 1953.

Roy served in the Army's 2nd Armored Cavalry of the Border Area in the Regimental Sector of West Germany from 1957-1959 and continued in the Army Reserves until 1963.

Roy had worked as a union carpenter for 30 years, retiring in 2000, and then as a handyman in the local area. He helped coach Little League baseball for his two sons, Jeff and Mark, with a good friend, Charlie Geyer. He enjoyed watching and feeding the wild birds in his backyard and also various pet cats through the years. He also enjoyed watching various music programs (Bluegrass, Gospel & Country) on RFD-TV. He so looked forward to the Saturday night shows.

Survivors include his wife, Judy (Cole), whom he married on September 10, 1960; children, Cheri, Jeffrey, and Mark (Pamela); grandchildren, Ryan, Abby, Connor, and Michaela Burke, and Brenna (Kyle) Molik; a sister, Noretta (Marion) Goff of Lincoln, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Larry and Lyle Burke in 1953; sisters, Donna Forth, Janet McCartney and Elaine Bollinger.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 135 Terwilliger Ave. in Hampshire.

Visitation will be held prior to the service at the church from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Inurnment in the Hampshire Center Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampshire.

Cemetery Details

Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd
Hampshire, IL 60140

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
135 Terwilliger Street
Hampshire, IL 60140

Memorial Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Patrick Smith Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Ralph E. "Roy" Burke.



Patrick Smith Family - August 09, 2022 at 08:37 PM

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“ My condolences to the Burke family. Roy replaced a damaged countertop in my house about 35 years ago. It's still there looking good. He did excellent work. R.I.P.

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. "Roy" Burke.



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