



William Donald Burke

May 27, 1940 - March 12, 2023

William Donald Burke, age 82, of Versailles, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2023, at his home. He was born May 27, 1940, in Gravois Mills, Missouri, son of the late Wendell and Louise (Williams) Burke.

Donald was a graduate of the Versailles High School class of 1958.

On January 5, 1959, at the Versailles Christian Church, he was united in marriage to Kathryn J. Thoss, who preceded him in death on December 28, 2016.

Donald retired from the Morgan County Assessors Office after many years working as a field man. He also spent several years as a stone mason working around the lake area.

He enjoyed attending auctions, flea markets, the swap meets at Jacobs Cave and having coffee each morning at the Love Light Coffee Shop. He was an avid NASCAR and Mizzou basketball fan.

Donald was a member of Ozark Prairie Master Gardeners, Lake of the Ozarks Coon Hunters Association, Glensted Crime Watch and volunteered with the Rural Crisis Center.

He is survived by his children, Carolyn Lake and husband Scott of Adrian, Missouri, Donna Carver of Stover, Missouri, David Burke of Versailles, Missouri and Sonya Corbin and husband Brit of Nelson, Missouri; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his children, Tanya Tomblinson and Daryl Burke, his grandson, Shaun Lake and his half-siblings, Ronnie Ledgerwood and Judith Burke.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 18th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Love Light Coffee Shop.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

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Tribute Wall

PY

“ He was an avid auction goer and coonhunter. Don came to a number of my auctions over the years. I always enjoyed visiting and reminiscing with him. He was at the first auction I helped on. That was November 1986, John Kerksiek's auction north of Stover. His permanent bidder number was 15. I'm sure gonna miss number 15. He didn't mince no words, you always knew where you stood with him.

Phillip Yoder - May 14, 2023 at 08:56 PM

MP

“ Donald and my dad Ben Rumans were cousins, I have good memories of him growing up.

mindy peters - March 29, 2023 at 01:08 PM

SZ

“ Shirley Zelsman lit a candle in memory of William Donald Burke



Shirley Zelsman - March 18, 2023 at 11:18 AM

WS

“ Willa Stafford lit a candle in memory of William Donald Burke



Willa Stafford - March 16, 2023 at 06:04 PM

CF

“ I remember Don and my grandparents (Zim and Edith Roberts) always joking and cutting up anytime they ran into each other. Don told me many stories about my grandpa in the short time I took care of him. He will be greatly missed



Crystal D Forsythe - March 16, 2023 at 12:15 PM

CB

“ Enjoyed working with donald at the reassessment office. Always enjoyed buying vegetables from him at the open air market. Had a lot of good laughs and conversations.

Connie brimer - March 14, 2023 at 02:24 PM

DW

“ Donald was a great guy and always friendly and I will miss seeing him at the swap meets and flea market. Prayers to the family



Danielle wiecken - March 14, 2023 at 09:46 AM

VH

“ Vicki Hibdon sent a virtual gift in memory of William Donald Burke



Vicki Hibdon - March 14, 2023 at 06:27 AM

GA

“ *Ginger Arment lit a candle in memory of William Donald Burke*



Ginger Arment - March 13, 2023 at 11:05 PM

CG

“ *Courtney Gardner lit a candle in memory of William Donald Burke*



Courtney Gardner - March 13, 2023 at 10:05 PM

MS

“ *Lots of prayers*



mike silvey - March 13, 2023 at 08:56 PM

MB

“ *Rest in peace thoughts and prayers to everyone*



Melinda and Brittney - March 13, 2023 at 08:18 PM

RW

“ *Rich Williams lit a candle in memory of William Donald Burke*



Rich Williams - March 13, 2023 at 08:16 PM

CB

“ *From Cody Burke and Britney McWilliams we love you grandpa ret easy grumpy*



Cody Burke - March 13, 2023 at 08:12 PM

YK

“ *Yolanda Kunze lit a candle in memory of William Donald Burke*



Yolanda Kunze - March 13, 2023 at 06:56 PM

KD

“ *Kim Davidson*



Kim Davidson - March 13, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ Pam Hill-Ramey lit a candle in memory of William Donald Burke



Pam Hill-Ramey - March 13, 2023 at 04:26 PM

NG

He was a really nice guy. Sad to hear this.

Nina Gennetten - March 15, 2023 at 06:14 PM