



Teddy Burke

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Teddy Burke, 89, of Hersey, Michigan passed away February 9, 2022.

Born July 15, 1932 in Lionilli, Kentucky, Teddy was the son of Hibbard and Susie Burke and brother of twelve siblings. In his early years, he left home after enlisting in the United States Marine Corp, and then found his way to Michigan. While working at an auto factory in Detroit, he met his future wife, Macilee.

Together, they lived many years with their family in Taylor, Michigan. Teddy worked at General Motors until 1987. Upon retirement, he and his wife made the move to Hersey, MI. During his years in Hersey, he spent time woodworking and doing carpentry work in the area.

Teddy also enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, tending to his garden, playing poker, and spending time with his family. He was known by his family for his love of nature and animals, and his joking and charismatic spirit; always making people laugh.

Teddy is preceded in death by his parents, Hibbard and Susie Burke; several siblings; and his daughters, Yolanda "Lenny" Burke and Jeanine Burke. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Macilee Burke; his son Doug Burke of Livonia; his granddaughters, Jenny Burke of Big Rapids, Julie Aguirre of Taylor, Jessica (Ben) Richards of Southgate; grandsons Teddy Thrushman of Hersey, James (Jessica) Burke of Livonia, and Jeffrey Burke of Big Rapids; great grandchildren LeAnna and Jaelin Richards of Southgate, and Jonathon and Joseph Burke of Livonia.

Teddy had many friends that remember him, too. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Big Rapids Eagles 18361 16 Mile Rd., Big Rapids, MI 49307 on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 2:00pm, with a luncheon to follow.



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Janowicz Family Funeral Home shared a photo to the **Obituary Wall** album.



November 17 at 1:33 PM



Julie Aguirre posted:

I am so glad that I got to meet you that one time Grandpa. I am sorry Covid hit and then I was not allowed to see you again. Until we all fly free in Heaven.

November 13 at 8:00 PM



Donna Strapason posted:

He would love trees planted for him after all he was a mountain man from the hills of Kentucky . I will always miss him

March 18 at 8:00 PM



Bridget Sinistaj posted:

Oh Poppa! I don't have many memories with him, but I know a lot of stories about him, and have had the pleasure of being around him several times. He was kind, loving, funny and he loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren. You could see it in the way he watched them and engaged with them. One memory I do have is when I went to visit them with Jess and he thought I was Dolly Parton. Lol! What a compliment! He loved Dolly. Rest In Peace Poppa. You will be missed deeply. Love, Bridget (Jessi's sister in law)

March 9 at 8:00 PM



Vas & Bridget Sinistaj And Family shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thinking of you during this difficult time. Our hearts are with you even if we are not there physically. With deepest sympathy and love.



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JB

Jeffrey Burke posted:

He was my uncle Ted, he once told me when you turn 50 that time seems to go into overdrive, oh how write he was. My happier memories of uncle Ted was when I would travel up north to go deer hunting and spend time with him and aunt macie . I will miss him. RIP

February 22 at 8:00 PM

KS

Kim Wright Slotka posted:

Although I don't have a lot of memories to share about my great Uncle Teddy I can tell you he was my grandmother Thelma's brother and they grew up very poor and because of that I believe this whole family had such a great value and love towards their family. I do believe God works in mysterious ways! I believe that the Lord has placed his granddaughter Jessica recently in my life for a reason. We both have shared the loss of someone that means so much to us. Her losing her grandfather and me just losing my mother, they passed away two days apart. My deepest sympathy goes out to all the family. I will keep you all lifted up in prayer for God's peace and comfort during this most difficult time.

February 21 at 8:00 PM

AB

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Teddy Burke posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Brigham Funeral Chapel - Lakeview

February 21 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

I loved you, Uncle Teddy. I'll see you again on the sunny side.

February 21 at 8:00 PM

JK

Jessica Kissinger posted:

I remember so much , how my he liked watching his news , how much he liked his walks and being outdoors , the joy he took into building his gardens , how much he enjoyed his poker nights and how much he loved his family and grandkids , there is to much to share from what I knew but them were the most common things u could reconize just by knowing him , popa will always be missed and never forgotten .

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WB

Wayne Burke lit a candle in honor of Teddy.

I'm saddened that my Uncle Teddy has passed, but I know he is in Heaven because he was a kind and caring man. Growing up, I was a sickly boy, and my Dad couldn't always get off work to take Mom and me to the doctor, so Uncle Teddy would drive us. He would turn the car radio up anytime I heard a song I liked. I will never forget his kindness. I'll miss him, but I will see him again someday. I'll be thinking of him and sending prayers skyward for our whole family.



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