



Mr. Michael L. Burke

April 8, 1949 - May 31, 2014

Michael L. Burke, 65 of Spring Hill, Tennessee and a former Bluffton resident passed away 4:51 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2014 at Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, Tennessee.

Mike was born on April 8, 1949 in Fort Wayne to Harry J. Burke & Carole (Johnson) Burke. He graduated from Ossian High School in 1967. He worked with his father at Burke Shell Station in Ossian along with serving the Air National Guard in Fort Wayne. He also worked for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad prior to selling cars for Ross Hamm in Ossian and at Hiday Motors in Bluffton for many years. Mike competed in drag racing in his youth and had a passion for trains and Corvette's.

On June 19, 1971 at Uniontown Church of Christ, he married Joyce E. (Walker) Burke. She survives in Spring Hill, TN. with a son Ryan M. (wife Amanda) Burke of Franklin, TN., and was a very proud "Pa Pa" to his two grandsons Logan and Charlie Burke. He is also survived by a sister Kathy (husband Jim) Steffen of Ossian.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Wednesday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral Services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2014 in the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service. Life Celebrant Jeff Lemler will officiate. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Memorials may be made in Mike's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.
Ossian, IN 46777
(260) 622-6526

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

JUN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Michael L. Burke*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 05, 2014 at 01:33 PM



“ *Mr. Michael L. Burke*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Joyce, We are thinking of you. Dad (Dwight Wilson) thought the world of you, and it's easy to see why. Ryan did a wonderful job at the service. Wishing peace and comfort to you and your family. Valerie Wilson Jackson, Doris Ann Wilson and Stan Wilson*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - June 07, 2014 at 10:51 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. Dad(Richard Minton) had found out through a 3rd party Wednesday 6-4-14. Joyce, you and all the family are in our prayers. With deepest sympathy. Richard, Steve, Phillip Minton, and Peggy Minton Rust.*



peggy rust - June 05, 2014 at 06:34 PM

JB

“ *Our condolences to the Burke family. We recall many fond memories when you were our neighbors on the golf course.*

Jim Babcock - June 05, 2014 at 10:05 AM

SD

“ *Sandra And Randy Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael L. Burke*



Sandra and Randy Davis - June 04, 2014 at 01:52 PM

JC

“ *Jim & Mae Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael L. Burke*



Jim & Mae Cobb - June 04, 2014 at 01:16 PM

JC

Our thoughts & prayers are with you Joyce & your family at this time. God bless & comfort you in the days ahead.

Jim and Mae Cobb - June 04, 2014 at 01:27 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael L. Burke.*



June 04, 2014 at 11:17 AM

KL

“ Joyce, Ryan, Cathy: My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
May God's blessings surround you during these days.
Ken Lupp

Ken Lupp - June 04, 2014 at 09:32 AM

GH

“ Joyce, Sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies. Mike was one great guy. Sorry but I don't think I can try a funeral home yet . Am sending menorial to wounded warrior project. George Hoopingarner.

George Hoopingarner - June 04, 2014 at 08:08 AM

SD

“ Sonja Davison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael L. Burke



Sonja Davison - June 03, 2014 at 07:42 PM

SD

Thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

Sonja Davison - June 03, 2014 at 07:43 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael L. Burke.



June 03, 2014 at 06:12 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael L. Burke.*



June 03, 2014 at 04:07 PM



“ *God bless and keep you in the days ahead, Joyce and family. Former co-worker at Franklin Electric Co., Inc., Joan Garrison.*

Joan Garrison - June 02, 2014 at 08:07 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Tim Hilbert

Tim Hilbert - June 02, 2014 at 11:35 AM