



Bernard John "Burkie" Burke

April 29, 1968 - January 26, 2026

Bonita Springs, FL-Bernard John "Burkie" Burke passed into eternal life with his loving wife by his side after battling cancer.

John had a love for hockey and started playing at an early age. He attended Cardigan Mountain School and Cushing Academy. Bowling Green State University recruited John where he met loyal lifetime friends. Then John pursued a career as a Division I Collegiate hockey coach for over 25 years. John always had a positive impact on the players as he genuinely cared about their well-being as athletes and individuals. Also, John worked for Lawson Products as a sales representative.

John was a humble individual with a wonderful sense of humor. All will remember John for his dry sense humor and smile. John was an avid golfer and enthusiastic sports fan. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, the Adirondacks, sunsets, beach, traveling, and the Saratoga racetrack.

John was a loving, and devoted husband to Mary Galluzzo Burke for over 23 years. The couple met at Siro's in Saratoga in 1999. Mary was his best kept secret in the beginning and later became his pride and joy in life.

John was a thoughtful son of the late Bernard and Jacqueline Burke; caring brother of the late Joseph Burke, Kristen Burke, and Thomas Burke (Tracey);

cherished and favorite son-in-law of the late Lucy Galluzzo; and fond brother-in-law of Anthony Galluzzo (Kathy), lighthearted uncle to Kevin Burke, Jillian Burke, Michael Burke, Taylor Grant, Sara Burke, Philip Galluzzo (Hilary Graves), Patrick Galluzzo (Jessica Ayres), Christopher Galluzzo, Elisabeth Shedd (Daniel), and Brooke Baglione. Furthermore, John had playful conversations with Eben and Nola Galluzzo—who nicknamed him Uncle Bob—as well as with Augustus Galluzzo, Scarlett Shedd, and Mackenzie Shedd.

Mary would like to thank family and friends from the north and south for their support over the past two years, and the phenomenal medical team and staff: Dr. Jay Herbst and Dr. Alexander Herbst, On-Spot Dermatology; Dr. Christopher Lobo, Florida Cancer, Dr. Daniel Dosoretz, Advocate Radiology Oncology, Dr. Michael Ivan, Dr. Ruham Nasany, Dr. Leonel Hernandez Aya at the University of Miami, and Yvonne Barillas and Xiomara Socarras, Concierge Care at Home. John felt blessed to have renowned and compassionate doctors who took a chance on him.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with John's family Saturday, February 7, 2026 8:00 am to 9:30 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services will immediately follow at 10:00 am at The Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 where John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Mass will be streamed at <https://youtube.com/live/1NgzLT6B-tA?feature=share>

The Rite of Committal will be held Monday, February 9, 2026 at 11:00 am at Calvary Cemetery, 250 High Street, Waltham, MA 02453

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Donations may be sent to the Sylvestri Comprehensive Cancer Center in memory of John to find a cure for a rare and aggressive cancer – metastatic squamous cell carcinoma. Contributions may be made directly to University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center · GiveCampus to advance cancer research. If you would like to send a check, please mail to: Sylvestri Development; 1120 NW 14th Street (M867) – 9th Floor; Miami, Florida 33136.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Cemetery Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Cemetery
250 High Street
Waltham, MA 02453

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 06 at 12:20 PM

LC

Mary so sorry for your loss. What a great man sucks. 🙏👊

Lou Caruso - February 07 at 10:28 AM

LC

RIP my friend

Lou Caruso - February 07 at 10:28 AM

MC

“ *Madeline C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*

Madeline C. - March 18 at 09:08 AM

ES

“*Mary,
I send my condolences on John's passing. My heart goes out to you, your family and the Burke Family at this sad time. I am sorry that I could not be there yesterday to express my admiration for John in person.
As you may recall, John's father was my freshman hockey coach at Boston College. John and I met as he was leaving RPI.
The story told in John's obituary paints a picture of a beautiful man. I'll remember him for his love of hockey, his love of coaching and the kids he coached, his sense of humor and his profound humility.
You and John will be in my prayers in the days ahead.
Ed Spain, Troy*

Ed Spain - February 08 at 04:00 PM

SO

“*Dear Mary, Neil and I wanted to come today, but Neil has Parkinson's and just got out of the hospital and is not walking well, so I was afraid to bring him out in this weather. We were so sadden and shocked to hear about John. Before we knew Neil had Parkinson's, Neil would be out shoveling the end of the driveway and fall. John came over and got him back on his feet, told him to go in, he'd finish our driveway and he did many times. He was such a kind person. Know you are in our prayers and our thoughts.
Please take care of yourself. Sincerely, Sandy*

Sandy OConnor - February 07 at 08:17 AM

JK

“*Jamie K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*

Jamie K. - February 06 at 09:49 PM

JK

“Burkie helped shape so many young lives during his time at RPI. I feel so fortunate to have had Burkie as a big part of my life for 4 years. I grew so much during that time and I have Burkie to thank for that. Burkie cared for us like a father, even punished us like one... grounded in North Dakota, didn't dress us when we broke the law, bag skated us when we didn't play well... looking back as an adult I think I owe him an apology for the stress we caused him. Burkie, thank you for the memories, you will be missed by so many, especially me. p.s. don't forget we survived the skate of Nov 6, 2006!



Jamie (Stewy) Kelly - February 06 at 09:45 PM

KF

“Kelly (Class of 2008) and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Kelly (Class of 2008) and Family - February 06 at 03:55 PM

LE

“Love, June and Nelson Emerson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.

Love, June and Nelson Emerson - February 06 at 02:56 PM

LE

“ Love, June and Nelson Emerson purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Love, June and Nelson Emerson - February 06 at 02:56 PM

ER

“ Esther & Rene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.

Esther & Rene - February 06 at 12:17 PM

ER

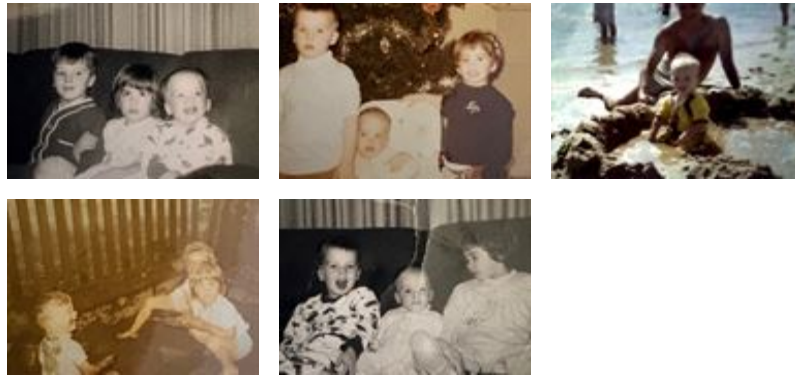
“ Esther & Rene purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Esther & Rene - February 06 at 12:17 PM



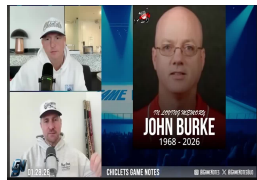
“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 06 at 12:16 PM

PG

“ 1 file added to the album *Burkie Tribute*



Pat Galluzzo - February 05 at 07:15 PM

DM

I'm so sorry for your loss. Burkie was my roommate at Cushing Academy for two years and I absolutely loved him! He was such a nice kid and a perfect roommate! I loved going to watch him play hockey and I was always so proud to tell anyone around me that the goalie is my roommate!

I'm glad that he made his living doing something that he loved so much. And I'm glad from the obituary that he met and shared his life with a wife that was his best friend. I love John Burke. ❤️

Dustin Miller Cushing class of 1987.

Dustin Miller - February 06 at 09:27 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*



February 04 at 07:20 PM



“ *Greg Burke and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*

Greg Burke and Family - February 04 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*



February 04 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beauchamps and Pattersons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*

Beauchamps and Pattersons - February 04 at 11:05 AM

BP

“ *Beauchamps and Pattersons purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*



Beauchamps and Pattersons - February 04 at 11:05 AM

LP

“ *Love, Renae Magera and Linda Piazza purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*



Love, Renae Magera and Linda Piazza - February 04 at 08:16 AM

SB

“ *Steven, Kim, Kendall & Brooke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*

Steven, Kim, Kendall & Brooke - February 04 at 07:30 AM

SB

“ *Steven, Kim, Kendall & Brooke purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.*



Steven, Kim, Kendall & Brooke - February 04 at 07:30 AM

DG

“ Diane G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.

Diane G. - February 03 at 10:15 PM

RS

“ Regina Sahagian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.

Regina Sahagian - February 03 at 02:24 PM

RS

“ Regina Sahagian purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Regina Sahagian - February 03 at 02:24 PM

PD

“ John,

I wont forget our one year together at Cushing playing hockey and hanging out. Great goalie but a greater guy. Im sorry life got in the way to keeping in touch more but you'll always be remembered by the class of 87. Rest easy my friend and condolences to your family.

Patrick Duffy

Patrick Duffy - February 03 at 01:15 PM

C2

“Classes of 2007, 2008, and 2009 purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Classes of 2007, 2008, and 2009 - February 03 at 10:46 AM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



February 03 at 05:41 AM

H"

“Hilary, Jessica, and all the "littles". planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.

Hilary, Jessica, and all the "littles". - February 03 at 05:41 AM

JR

“Jordan & Ian Ratner purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Jordan & Ian Ratner - February 02 at 03:58 PM

DS

“ John, I send my condolences to my dear friend Mary, to your brother and sister, family, and Mary's brother and extended family. I know you were an amazing hockey player, coach, recruiter, mentor, and friend. What I know most about you is that you and Mary shared a beautiful love. You were a loving husband, son, brother, son-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle. You and Mary both lovingly cared for your parents when they needed you with no regrets or hesitation. I was sad about your cancer, sadder that it took you from us, devastated that it took you from Mary. You were courageous. We walked some of that journey together and had matching bald heads in 2024 with similar treatments. Before cancer, I love that you not only taught Mary how to play golf (well, I might add), but that you were regular partners in addition to building a nice life together where you enjoyed eachother's company. I know you were proud of Mary's intelligence, work ethic, and leadership abilities, building a lovely home life, decorating, planning meals for the two of you and gatherings of family, neighbors and friends that you enjoyed, along with her beautiful heart and soul. She was at your side through your final breath, loving you then and now. God's greatest gift, love, knows no boundaries. I know you are loving Mary and all those who walked with you on this earth, right on the other side, from heaven. While this life ended, our faith tells us your everlasting life has begun as you rest in God's eternal love, peace and glory.

Denise Romand, Saratoga Springs - February 01 at 10:36 PM

TS

“ Tom, Tracy, and Sara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.

Tom, Tracy, and Sara - February 01 at 02:14 PM

TS

“ Tom, Tracy, and Sara purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Tom, Tracy, and Sara - February 01 at 02:14 PM

KG

“ Krissy Burke & Taylor Grant purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Bernard John "Burkie" Burke.



Krissy Burke & Taylor Grant - February 01 at 07:12 AM



“ My dear brother John,
You were smart, kind, and dedicated — not just to the game of hockey, but to the people in your life. You carried yourself with quiet strength, generosity, and heart.

As a hockey player, you were talented and driven to excellence. As a coach, you became something greater — a mentor, a leader, and someone who believed in and inspired others. As an Uncle, you never forgot a birthday or big event - always treating Tay with love. And as my Irish twin brother, we had our share of crazy antics (nearly starting a house fire twice 😊), riding bikes, skating in the Burke's backyard teaching me how to stick handle & BC McHugh Forum. There was plenty of laughter and sibling annoyances too. I miss you more than words can say, John. You will always be my brother, and you will always be loved and remembered.

Kristen Grant - February 01 at 07:07 AM

TB

“ John there is so much I can say. We have had so many ups and downs in our life together. The best upside I will always remember is being your younger brother and you carving out the path for me to follow. Love you Johnnie. Love always. Tom

Tom Burke - February 01 at 05:37 AM