



Robert H. Burke

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Robert H. Burke, age 85, of Dagsboro, DE, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Beebe Hospital in Lewes, DE. Born on February 25, 1939, in Englewood, NJ, to his late parents, August and Helen Burke, Bob rose from humble beginnings to achieve remarkable accomplishments.

Bob was the first in his family to attend college, earning his degree from St. Peter's University in 1960. Following his graduation, Bob served in the U.S. Army and went on to become the first Marketing Manager for what was then known as Master Charge. He later enjoyed a distinguished twenty-six-year career in banking, retiring as Chairman of Bank of New York - Delaware.

In 1964, Bob married Cathi (Smyth), who was his devoted partner for fifty-eight years until her passing in 2022. Together, they raised two children, Michael and Christine, and were blessed with six grandchildren. Just six months before his passing, Bob welcomed his first great-grandchild, a joyous addition to the family. Known affectionately as Pop Pop, Bob will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Mr. Burke was preceded in death by his beloved wife Cathi (Smyth) and his brother Ed. He is survived by his son Michael (Maureen) and their children Connor, Colleen, Emmet, and Ian; his daughter Christine Kennedy (Frank) and their children Michael (Jennifer) and Molly; as well as his great-grandson, Wesley Robert, who was named in Bob's honor.

Bob's legacy will live on through his family and the memories shared by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 12:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Clarksville Chapel, located at 34874 Atlantic Ave, Ocean View, DE. Visitation will take place prior to the service, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the same day.

Please sign the tribute wall located on the tribute page.



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FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025 BY 3PM TO OUR OCEAN VIEW LOCATION.




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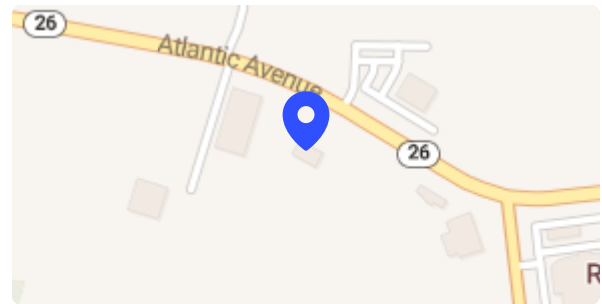
Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 15, 2025


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel**

34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View DE



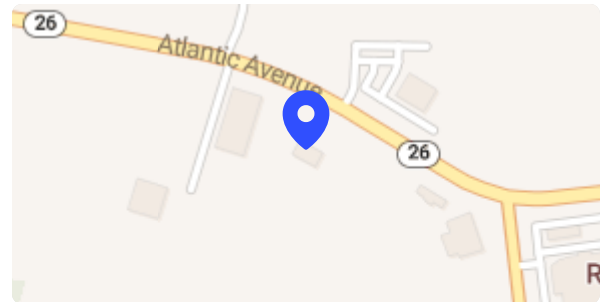
Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, February 15, 2025

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Burke family.

February 12 at 10:38 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

February 12 at 6:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Burke family.

February 12 at 6:02 AM



Love, Alli, Kaitlyn, And Jorie planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

February 10 at 10:35 AM



Love, Alli, Kaitlyn, And Jorie sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Burke family.

February 10 at 10:35 AM





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Sister Carole Tabano posted:

So very sorry for the family's great loss. Bob and Cathy were such a devoted couple and so much in love. May their children and family continue to be blest with so many wonderful memories they hold in their hearts. In my heart and prayers. Sister Carole Tabano , Cathi's classmate from 1958. 🙏❤️

February 9 at 1:37 PM



Anna & Lenny Scarola February 14 at 5:47 PM

Lenny and I remember the nice dinners we shared Bob always greeted us with a smile and laughter . Our deepest condolences to the family.Lenny and Anna Scarola



Love, All Faletti Families sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Burke family.



February 7 at 3:00 PM



Annette Turlington posted:

Condolences to the family. I got to know Mr. Bob Burke as the Chairman at Bank of New York (DE). This was my first professional job out of college. I was in awe of how he always tried to get to know employees by their first name. He often offered positive encouragement. This world could use more kind and caring leaders like Bob Burke. RIP

February 6 at 11:41 AM



David Crake posted:

In was honored enough to play in a fantasy football league with Bob and his family for several years (thanks Mike). I had the utmost respect for Bob. He was simply such a good person.. Though these times were fun and friendly, I also learned alot about leading people and banking from Bob. He was a great man who I both admired and cared for. Rest easy knowing his soul is surely in heaven.

February 6 at 9:12 AM



Jack And Maura Langan sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Burke family.



February 6 at 7:37 AM



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Alyce McLaughlin posted:

No words can express our sorrow. Bob (and Cathi) were dear friends from Longboat Key, Florida. Many good times and laughs will forever be remembered. May his memory be eternal, rest in Peace dear friend. Deepest sympathy and love to all the family, Alyce & Alan McLaughlin

February 5 at 5:06 PM

JF

Jack Faletti February 6 at 7:59 AM

I've known Bob ever since he began dating Cathi, and he introduced me to her twin, Eileen, my future partner and wife for 53 years, before she passed in 2016. Bob & I shared college, many great summers on Cape Cod, many visits to DE as families. A deeply religious man, who shared his wonderful Love with all he met. Above all was his Love of Cathi, Christine & Michael, & their children. I will miss our frequent telephone chats on sports. In essence, to know Bob was to love him! God Bless you, Burkie, & enjoy forever peace & happiness! Jack

FS

Frank S February 6 at 5:50 AM

Uncle Bob was always kind, present and caring to those around him. My heartfelt condolences to Mike, Christine and his grandchildren.

JM

Joan May February 5 at 6:28 PM

Bob and Cathi were great neighbors in St. Charles, IL. Many fun times were shared over cocktails and dinners. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine, Mike and their families. May Bob and Chathi be reunited in God's Heaven above. Nick and Joan May



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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