



Mr. Joseph Francis Burke Jr.

June 24, 1963 - May 28, 2022

Joseph Francis Burke Jr, of Pittsfield, died May 28 at Berkshire Medical Center following a long battle with the disease of alcoholism. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his beloved family.

He was born on June 24, 1963 to Renee and Joseph Burke Sr. in Pittsfield. Though he was born and died in Pittsfield, Joe was a lifelong Lenox guy. He graduated from Lenox Memorial High School and immediately began a lifelong career as a builder, owning JDB Builders in Lenox for many years. He flourished as a builder, overseeing several large building projects including the Cranwell Development

In addition to his building acumen, Joe was known for his generosity. He was the guy that would do anything for his friends as well as for a random stranger who needed a hand. He loved and doted on his cat Chloe. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, being involved in his children's activities especially motocross racing and helping people for no reason at all.

Joe is survived by his children who he loved dearly and was immensely proud of. Joe Burke, Casey Wright (Matt), Haley Briggs (Shane) and Riley Burke, his grandchildren Keagan Burke and Harper and Lena Briggs, his mother, Renee Burke (Connie Boyle), his sisters Kathy DeGaramo (Joel) and Loree Zeif (Rob), many nieces and nephews and his ex-wife Dawn Burke, his high school sweetheart who remained his partner in parenting after 26 years of marriage.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Burke Sr.

Visitation will be Monday June 6 at Roche Funeral Home from 3:00-5:00 pm with a brief service at 4:45 followed by a reception for family and friends at the home of Dawn Burke at 20 Brown St, Lenoxdale.

Interment will be private with family at a later date at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lee.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Riley Burke education fund at https://www.gofundme.com/f/riley-burkes-tufts-education-fund?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Service

JUN 6. 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ Dawn and family, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
RIP Joe.

Mardi - June 06, 2022 at 11:04 PM

RE

“ To The Burke Family - So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Knew Joe in his High School years. He worked for me as an apprentice in my cabinet shop & construction business.
He excelled in his passion for woodworking and moved on to becoming a fine contractor.
Joe & I remained friends for many years. He was a wonderful & caring friend.
So sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to his family at this sad time.
I am sure that you have many things that Joe built to remember him by.

Sincerely,
Ray Elling

Ray Elling - June 04, 2022 at 03:05 PM

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“ To the Burke family. I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. My sister Suzanne would have been devastated if she was still here with us, as she was best friends with Joe and Dawn. I am so sorry for your loss, and my thoughts are with all of you at this very sad time.

Shari Skutnik

Shari Skutnik - June 02, 2022 at 06:39 PM