



Harold C. Burke

June 2, 1924 - January 2, 2006

Harold C. Burke, 81, of Marietta, New York died Monday, January 2, 2006 at Crouse Hospital.

Harold was born June 2, 1924 in Syracuse, New York, the son of Harold C. Burke Sr. and Cecelia Pauls Burke. He attended Syracuse University School of Forestry and retired from New York Central Railroad as an Engineer in 1986 following 30 years of service. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Otisco, New York and was a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus. He was very active with the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Leader and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving in WWII, receiving the Purple Heart and retired from the National Guard.

Harold is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Ruth E. Sweeton; five daughters, Catherine (Bill) Madigan of Johnsonville, New York, Patricia (Roy) Saunders of Skaneateles, New York, Jeanne (Tom) Russo of Sennett, New York, Sandra Holmes of Otisco, New York and Karen (Dean) Christie-Bibbens of Syracuse, New York; one son, Terrance (Lori) Burke of Galway, New York; one sister, Delores Dix of Iowa; 19 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services: Friday, January 6, 2006, 10:15 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral

Home and 11:00 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Route 80, Otisco, New York.

Burial: Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 4069 Howlett Hill Road, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Thursday, January 5, 2006, 4:00 -8:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Contributions: Amber Vol. Fire Department Rescue Squad, PO Box 172, Marietta, New York 13110.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold C. Burke*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - January 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad, Even though I know you are where you worked your whole life to be, I still miss you. Thank you Dad for teaching me about faith and family and sunrises. Thank you Dad for my life. I love you*

January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *GRANDPA WE REALLY MISS YOU! YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER. I LOVE YOU GRANDPA. LOVE MATTHEW. I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU GRANDPA. LOVE TAYLOR. LOVE ALWAYS. CHRIS&MICHELLE*

January 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandpa you will always be in our thoughts. We miss you but we will never forget you. One of our biggest memories of you is how we got our house. How you helped us find it. We love you and you'll always be in our prayers. Great-Grandpa: We miss you alot and wish you were still here. We will always love you .

January 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ We have many fond memories of Scouting with Mr.Burke. He will be greatly missed. Fondly, Bruce,Beth,Justin,Alex

January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Burke family. Sure you have many good memories!

January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ During my time working for and with the 3/389th in Mattydale, ""Burkie"" was my amd everyone's best friend. Whether at home in Mattydale, or at Ft Leonardwood or Ft Drum, he ws the one you turned to when you needed help or advice. He will be missed.

January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Harold will be forever in our memories. His laugh and jovial manner will never leave us.*

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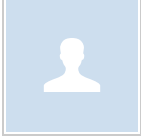
“ *Harold---Did everything with gusto., passion---, whether it was scouting, real estate, Boy Scouting orKnights, and he loved his wife and family.May he enjoy his eternal reward.*

January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will always be loved and remembered!*

January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Your guidance, love, and humor will be our fondest memories. You have lived your life as an example for all of us. Grandpa you truly will be missed by all and you are the true meaning of life. Love, Sean, Jennifer, Ryan, and Megan
An Irish Prayer: Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Everything remains as it was. The old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no sorrow in your tone. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we shall smile at the trouble of parting, when we meet again

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