



## Paul E. Burke

July 12, 1937 - April 27, 2016

Paul E. Burke, 78, of Emlenton, Pa., prominent Eau Claire insurance representative, passed away early Wednesday evening at Serenity House in Shippenville, Pa. following a lengthy illness. Born near Eau Claire on July 12, 1937, he was the son of the late Paul A. and Minnie C. Dally Burke. He was married on April 22, 1960 at St. Mark Church at Monroe, Clarion Co., Pa. to L. Diane Best Burke who passed away May 31, 2005. Paul was a longtime member of East Unity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Valley where he served as trustee, elder, and church treasurer. He was a 1955 graduate of the former Emlenton High School, and had attended Point Park and Robert Morris colleges in Pittsburgh as well as earning credits at the former Pa. Military College. He began an insurance career with Nationwide Insurance Co. in 1969, and in 1972 established the Paul E. Burke Agency in Eau Claire. In 2009 the agency was changed to another firm of which Paul was associated for a number of years. He served with the United States Marine Corps for nearly eight years from which he was honorably discharged with the rank of Lance Corporal on Dec. 7, 1963. Paul was long active with Rotary International serving with Dormont/Mt. Lebanon, Brandywine, and finally many years with Parker Rotary clubs. While involved with Parker Rotary, he served many years as co-chair with the Hartman Golf Classic at Foxburg Country Club. A member of Foxburg Country Club, he served many years as a board member, and was a board member of the American Golf Hall of Fame at Foxburg. Beginning in 1982, he initiated the Scrubgrass Invitational held

annually at Foxburg. Paul was an avid hunter, and was a life member of the NRA, and also a life member of the North American Hunting and Fishing Association. He is survived by two sons and wives: John P. and Stacy Burke of Pleasantville, Pa. and Jeffrey L. and Dina Burke of Clayton, NC; six grandchildren: Sarah, Annah, Noah, Avah, Isabelle, and Jason Burke; one brother and wife, Harold and Joanne Burke of Emlenton; many nieces and nephews; two sisters-in-law: Mary and Shirley Burke. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Floyd and Samuel Burke, and one sister Margaret "Peg" Burke Rankin. Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Friday at H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home, 201 So. Wash. St., Eau Claire. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday at East Unity Presbyterian Church (no prior visitation at church), Cherry Valley with Rev. Dr. Paul Schaffer, church pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at East Unity Church Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *John, Jeff and families,  
I was away and didn't learn of your Dad's passing until the day of his final services. He was certainly a unique fellow and will be missed by many. You all have my sincere sympathy.*

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**Mildred Marterella** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JN

“ *Dear Burke Family,  
So sorry for your loss, Paul was quite a fellow! You will be in my prayers.*

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**Joyce Schwab, nurse/friend** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

RF

“ *John and Jeff,  
I just want to give you my deepest sympathy for the loss of you father. Burky is a person that always would gives a person a helping hand. I have many good memories and stories that will never be forgotten. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your families.*

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**Rob Foust** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

DB

“ *John, Stacy and Family,*

*I'm so very sorry for the loss of your loved one. My heart goes out to you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Peace be with you.*

*Debbie*

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**Debbie Biggerstaff** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

BF

“ *A candle was lit by Biggerstaff Family*

*on April 29, 2016 5:23 PM*

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**Biggerstaff Family** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

KS

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Paul through VNA and at the hospital he was a great man with a good sense of humor... He will be missed. I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Kristie Shaffer** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JM

“ *John and Jeff,*  
*Very sad to hear of your Dad's passing. I will always have many fond and happy memories of times spent with him. He will be missed.*

*My prayers to you and your family.*

*John*

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**John Marron** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JF

“ *John, Stacy, and family,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Please let us know if  
you need anything. You and your family are in our prayers!*

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**Jeff & Dena Hartzell and family** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

ES

“ *A TROPICAL DISH GARDEN WITH FRESH FLOWERS was sent  
by Bob & Cindy Neely, Denny & Lynn Neely, Cindy & Buzz DeLarme  
& Deb & Jay Keister on April 29, 2016*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

ES

“ *A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on April 29, 2016  
Loving thoughts and prayers  
David & Patti Burke  
Tim & Mitzi Garito  
and families*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

CC

“ *John, Stacy, Jeff, Dina and grandkids.....our thoughts and prayers  
are with you during this time of sadness. We are sorry we won't be  
able to be with you for Gene's service. Our friendship with your Dad  
& Mom goes way back...such good memories.*

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**Chuck & Linda Crone** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ *Paul was a kind man who always took time out of his day to say  
hello and talk about the bear and the deer. May he rest in peace.*

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**Joan and Rich Cornelius** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

ES

“ *A DISH GARDEN WITH FRESH FLOWERS* was ordered on April 28, 2016

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

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**Jeff, Debbie and Jessica Wagner** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

RS

“ *John and Jeff,  
So sorry to hear about your dad. May you find comfort in knowing that he is reunited with your mom. We will remember you in our prayers.  
--Ron and Brenda*

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**Ron & Brenda Sloan** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ *A candle was lit by The Brewer Family  
  
on April 28, 2016 4:55 PM*

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**The Brewer Family** - January 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM