



## Bernard Anthony Burke

January 2, 2023

Loving and cherished husband, father, brother, and grandfather Bernard Anthony Burke, 79, of Blacksburg, Virginia went home into the arms of the Lord on January 2, 2023. Born in Chester, Pennsylvania Bernie worked for Sun Oil Company for 30 years. He enjoyed raising World Class White Tail Deer at his Raptor Ridge Deer Farm in Breezewood, PA. In his spare time, he enjoyed creating ecosystems to support wildlife, especially frogs, fish, and waterfowl. He enjoyed visits from family and friends and was always the life of the party. His sense of humor and infectious laugh always filled the room with spirit and cheer. He will never be forgotten. Bernie was the beloved son of the late Thomas Joseph and Florence Myra Conrad; cherished brother of Thomas Burke and the late Genevieve Schmidt. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sarah; daughter Shannon (Rory Maguire), son Bernie (Shelby), and son Brian (Lauren); grandchildren Erin, Alison, Connor, Flynn, Joshua, Shane, Ava, Camilla, Mackenzie, and Hannah. In lieu of flowers, trees can be planted in Bernie's name at [alivingtribute.org](http://alivingtribute.org). Memorial Mass will be held, Saturday, January 7, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 11:00 A.M.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
1205 Old Mill Rd  
Blacksburg, VA

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Remembering my Godfather and Uncle Bernie. I share his love of nature and animals and I will always hold him in my heart. I fondly recall his enthusiasm as he showed us his beautiful deer, pheasants, and bullfrog ponds. I loved his relationship with his brother and sister and the three of them together were a force to reckon with. I pray that Aunt Sarah, Shannon Bernie and Brian find peace and see him when they experience nature.

Jill Burke - January 06, 2023 at 06:46 PM

LM

Sarah, just saw Bernie passed.... He was a very special person, my family thought the world of him. I am sending love and prayers to you and your family. He was special for sure!

linds moran - July 28, 2024 at 09:42 PM

SB

“ The love of my life and best friend is gone but everywhere I look I see him in the trees and 28 turkeys at where in the front yard this morning I love him so much I'll give anything to have him back but I know he's in a better place and until I can come with him I'll just keep loving him 🥹

Sarah Burke - January 06, 2023 at 08:40 AM

MJ

Sarah I am so sorry to hear of Bernie's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family at this time.  
Maryann Rushton Jaworski

Maryann Rushton Jaworski - January 06, 2023 at 09:53 AM

MP

*Sarah, my deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved Bernie. Our memories are a blessing. I know your grief is profound and you and your family are in my prayers. Lou will welcome his company.*



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**Marie Peticca** - January 20, 2023 at 07:54 PM

GC

“ *Through 27 years of friendship with Bernie (and Sarah), we’ve learned that Bernie was able to establish a rapport with anyone he encountered. Bernie was an original with no pretense about him. What you see is what you get.*

*We all loved Bernie and we all can take comfort in Jesus’s words: “In my Father’s house there are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am going you may be also.” John 14:2-*

*We very much enjoyed the many visits of Sarah & Bernie. We especially enjoyed the spirited political discussions along with moderate quantities of adult beverages.*

*Farewell our friend,  
Love,  
George & Joan Corbett*

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**George Corbett** - January 05, 2023 at 08:15 PM

SO

“ *We will miss you uncle Bernie. I will never forget the times fishing in Gap or hunting spring gobblers in Breezewood. You were a good man and a great husband to my aunt Sarah and a wonderful father to Shannon Bernie and Brian. You will be missed but never forgotten.*

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**Sean OConnor** - January 04, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bernard Anthony Burke.*



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January 04, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *This is a hard goodbye to my Uncle Bernie. The memories are countless and most involve him and my dad telling stories, laughing, being "ornery". Whether it was at The Bullfrog Tavern, late into the night on Christmas Eve in their sister's basement, or just hanging in the kitchen, I will always cherish the memories of the brotherly love and hilarity I witnessed. May Uncle Bernie's love of nature continue as he joins the universe and his dearly departed family and friends who joined before him. No one will forget my uncle, even if they've met him once. A personality larger than life. I will miss him and treasure the Burke traits that I share with him....Jeneane*

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**Jeneane (Burke) Johnson** - January 04, 2023 at 03:34 PM



*Sarah we are so sorry to hear of our long time friend Bernies passing. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family*

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**robertrushton** - January 07, 2023 at 11:25 AM



*Sarah, so sorry for the passing of Bernie. My family loved Bernie and he was someone special to all of us. Prayers and love to your family!*

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**linda Morsn** - July 28, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bernard Anthony Burke.* ”



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January 04, 2023 at 12:50 PM