



Father John Buga

June 20, 1925 - February 24, 2013

Rev. Fr. John Buga, 87, of Port Richey, FL (formerly of Aurora, IL) died Sunday, February 24, 2013. He was born June 20, 1925 in Aurora, IL.

An orphan at 13, Fr. John attended Marmion Academy, and later served his country in WWII in the Pacific Theatre as a Seabee. He was employed at Northern Illinois Gas Company for 36 years. Fr. John was ordained a priest by the Most Reverend John Michael Botean on June 13, 1999. He served the people of Byzantine Catholic Churches as a deacon and priest in Illinois and Florida. He also served at the Hesed House, as a chaplain at Provena Mercy Medical Center and the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Marquette Assembly in Aurora and Port Richey, FL.

Fr. John's life was centered on his Christian faith as a Byzantine Catholic priest and his family. He lived a rewarding, full life and persevered to the end. May his memory be eternal. Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Violet; daughters, Nancy (Bryan) Fisher and Jenny (Tom) Bricco; sons, Mark, Edward (Jacqui), Peter and Paul (Leivi); twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Emma Buga; and brothers, Gabriel and Louis (Julia) who raised him.

On Friday, March 1, 2013, the body of Fr. John will arrive at St. Michael Church at 2:00 PM; the first parts of the Services for the Burial of a Priest will be offered. Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, with a Wake Service at 6:30 PM, at St. Michael Roumanian Byzantine Catholic Church, 609 N. Lincoln Av, Aurora, IL. At 7:00 PM, the Services for the Burial of a Priest will continue. On Saturday, March 2, 2013, The Most Reverend Bishop John Michael Botean will preside at a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St. Michael Church at 9:00 AM. This will be followed by the remainder of the Services for the Burial of a Priest at 10:00 AM. Interment in St. Michael Cemetery will follow. Funeral arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. 630-631-5500. Please visit our new interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Fr. John's family or sign the guest book.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael Cemetery

Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael Church
609 North Lincoln Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Funeral Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael Church
609 North Lincoln Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up with Fr. John (Johnny) on Pigeon Hill. I'll never forget what a comfort he was to us, visiting my mother at Provena Mercy when she was very ill.

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Nellie Tifrea Smith, Aurora

Nellie Tifrea Smith - March 01, 2013 at 10:10 PM

BB

“ To the Buga family our deapest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The entire Bieritz family will remember all of the good times on Edwards and Adams Street.

Bruce Bieritz - March 01, 2013 at 04:06 PM

EM

“ Eric Melkerson purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Father John Buga.



Eric Melkerson - February 28, 2013 at 10:39 AM

AB

“ Ed~~~ it is with heartfelt sympathy that I write this message to you and your entire family. May many loving memories help ease your pain.

Angela Bendinelli

Angela Bendinelli - February 27, 2013 at 08:57 AM

MW

“ *My thoughts are with you, Ed, and your family on the passing of your beloved father.*

Maureen Williams

Maureen Williams - February 27, 2013 at 08:52 AM

JT

Nancy, we want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your father was obviously an outstanding man of faith. What a legacy he leaves! It must have been an honor to have had him as your father; you will surely miss him. We're sending you our love, Jim and Beth Threlkeld

Jim and Beth Threlkeld - February 28, 2013 at 10:29 AM