



Dr. Thomas Joseph Burke

July 31, 1931 - October 26, 2023

Dr. Thomas J. Burke, 92, of Aurora, IL and Estero, FL, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2023 in Estero, FL. He was born July 27th, 1931 in Franklin Park, IL.

He is survived by two sons Jim (Colleen) Burke and John (Carla) Burke; five grandchildren Madie, Tommy, Jimmy, Morgan (David) Crawley, and Nick; his sister Sr. Priscilla Burke and his nieces and nephews especially Carl, Nora, Anne, and Bob Scharf, and John Dennis Burke.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years Ellen (Givens) Burke; his parents Nora (Mulcahy) and James Burke; two brothers James and Jack Burke; three sisters Mary and Eileen Burke and Anita Burke Scharf; and his sister-in-law Theresa Givens and his brother-in-law Fr. John Givens.

Tom was a retired physician who was an ears, nose and throat specialist. He had offices in both Aurora and Naperville for over 30 years, resulting in countless former patients remembering Dr. Burke. He was a graduate of Loyola Medical School (Stritch), Loyola University and Fenwick High School.

He was an avid golfer who played into his 90's. Tom was also an accomplished bridge player who attained the Life Master designation. Tom loved a good bet on the golf course, always had a good joke to tell, and loved

getting together with friends and family.

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 10:00am at Holy Angels Church. Fr. Michael Lavan will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Tom's family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Jim, Colleen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of all of you this Thanksgiving and grateful for friendships and your dad's long and impactful life. Bob Mac and family

Bob McNamara - November 22, 2023 at 12:24 PM

ST

“ I met Tom when I showed up for a duplicate bridge tournament in St. Charles and was paired up with him. It was a great pleasure playing with him. He invited me to play informal bridge with friends at the Aurora Country Club. Tom was funny, smart, friendly and patient (with me, at least). We'd play for a few hours, argue about how to keep score, and eat lunch--on Tom. Not sure what I'm going to do now for a duplicate bridge partner. I am missing him for that as well as for his endearing, if that's the right word, personality.

Stephen - November 08, 2023 at 02:27 PM

AS

“ What I appreciated most -- among many things -- is that Tom always welcomed us, the California relatives, whenever we came to town or when he and Ellen were in Palm Springs. He loved his family and loved having everyone together.

Anne Scharf - November 07, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas Joseph Burke.



November 07, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas Joseph Burke.*



November 05, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas Joseph Burke.*



November 05, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Tom was my mentor when I first came to Aurora in 1978. I always valued his advice throughout my career in Aurora. Our friendship continued after our respective retirements with monthly breakfasts at Colonial. He will be missed by many. RIP, Tom.*
Mike Loebach, MD

Mike Loebach - November 04, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Daleiden Mortuary - November 03, 2023 at 03:34 PM

RL

“ *Me and my family want to send our condolences to Tom J Burke's family
He will be missed
He was full of life and had a positive attitude throughout his existence
May he rest in Peace
Rashida LoyaBova and family*

Rashida Loya - November 03, 2023 at 11:49 AM

AW

Will sincerely miss Tom, a dear friend for more than forty years. A more faithful and loyal friend could not be found. Always enthusiastic and the life of the party. Glad he was in our lives.

Ann White - November 04, 2023 at 10:22 PM

KZ

He was a very kind and compassionate Dr.He restored my mom's hearing and told very good care of our family with issues of ENT. I had a pleasure to work with him @ Mercy Peds.He was so kind and patient.
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Kathy Zimmerman - November 09, 2023 at 08:07 AM



I was a classmate of Tom at Fenwick High School in Oak Park. We graduated together in 1949 along with Bob Lee and Gene McEnery, There are only a few of us still alive. Tom was universally respected by all of us. We played golf with him on several in St. Charles, and back on the "Old West Side". God bless you brother Tom.

Tom Morsch, Fenwick '49 - November 09, 2023 at 08:13 PM