



James Burke

June 7, 2009

CRYSTAL FALLS - James Edward Burke, 78, of 159 Burke Road in Crystal Falls, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette.

He was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Iron River, son of the late Edward and Aldia (Liberty) Burke. He was a lifelong resident of this area and a member of Guardian Angels Church.

Jim was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2891 and the American Legion Post 87.

He married the former Helen Timm Heimerl on Jan. 1, 1970.

He had worked for Odgers Drilling Co. for 12 years, Prentice Loaders in Iron River for 10 years, and the James River Mill for 12 years before retiring in 1985 due to health problems.

Jim also owned and operated a farm in Iron River Township for many years. He had a love for horses and trained them and broke them over the years. Jim also loved to hunt, fish, and spend time at his camp with family and friends. He was life member of V.F.W. Post #2891.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; five children, Randall (Rose) Heimerl of

Palmer, Alaska, Sharon (Jeffery) Starks of Marinette, Wis., Bill Heimerl of Crystal Falls, Dale (Chrissie) Heimerl of Amasa, and Robert (Darlene) Heimerl of Merrill, Wis.; three brothers, Robert (Mary Ellen) Burke of Iron River, Edward Burke of Madison, Wis., and Alfred Burke of Florida; one sister, Mary Lee (Robert) Symmonds of Iron River; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, William Burke and one infant sister, Beverly Ann Burke.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Thursday at the Guardian Angels Church.

The Eastside Veterans will do a pass and review at 11:45 a.m. at the church.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon at the Guardian Angels Church. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Randall, Bill, Dale, and Robert Heimerl, Martin Timm and Michael Burke. Military graveside services will be accorded by the Eastside Veterans Organization.

Condolences to the family of James Burke may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *jim and i solved the worlds problems time and time again, i know he appreciated the hard times i always gave him, deer season will truly be empty without him sitting in his chair, that chair should be designated sacred from here on out, i'll surely miss him tader*

don echola - June 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to Helen and all of James' family and friends. Though I did not have the opportunity to know James personally, I have been able to hear stories of him from other members of the family over the years. As I continue to research the Burke family, I hope to keep his memory alive. May the Lord ease the pain and grief of all of James and Helen's loved ones.*

*Sincerest wishes,
John Burke
Oshkosh, WI*

John A Burke - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Dear Jeff and Family:
May the Lord bless you all with the peace and comfort only He can provide at this time of loss in your lives. Eternal rest grant unto Jim, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he now rest in the embracing peace of the risen Christ.
My prayers and condolences....
Fr. Dino*

Fr. Dino Silvestrini - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *My sincere condolences to you, Helen, and to your family. My family and I have good memories of visits with you...and my Jim always spoke of you with love.*

May the Lord be with you in your time of grief and may your memories of joyful times comfort you in this time of sadness.

God bless you and yours.

Love, Linda

Linda Klawitter - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM