



Mr. Robert "Bob" F. Burke

May 28, 1926 - August 27, 2023

Robert "Bob" F. Burke, 97, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully and met his Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 27, 2023, while surrounded by his loving family.

A son of James Burke and Ann Myers Burke, of blessed memory, he was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 28, 1926. He is also preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth Ann Ryan Burke, whom he married on February 23, 1957; sister, Marguerite Alcorn; and niece, Carol Spear.

He is survived by his children, Shannon Johnson (former husband, Bill) and Patrick "Pat" Burke (wife, Cindy); grandchildren, Robert Anthony Johnson (wife, Viola), William Taylor Johnson, Frank Ryan Burke (wife, Danielle) and Elizabeth Ann Carter (husband, Mason); great-grandson, Asher Robert Johnson and his mother, Ashlynn Tobell; nieces, Gail Snellgrove (husband, Jim) and Kay Alcorn. Several great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews also survive, as well as a devoted caregiver, Jackie Whitman.

After his faithful service in the US Navy during World War II, he opened the first Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Panama City and Boca Raton. He then opened and operated several ladies' shoe stores in Tallahassee: Vanity Boot Shop, Rheinauer's Ladies' Shoe Store, Red Cross Shoe Store and Capezio's

Shoe Stores.

A collector of old farm engines, he also enjoyed restoring old cars and motorcycles and belonged to the Tallahassee Car Club. He owned and flew an airplane and had several remote-control airplanes. Along with his wife, he owned a 5th wheel and enjoyed traveling. For 50 years, he was a dedicated and faithful member at Freedom Church, First Assembly of God.

Visitation is 10:00 AM, Friday, September 1, 2023, at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral service beginning at 11:00 AM. Interment follows at Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Garden of the Apostles.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House or to Freedom Church Building Fund.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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“ *Bob was the first member of Seminole Rc my wife and I meet. He came over to where we were sitting and greedily welcomed us to Tallahassee. He gave us a brief history of who he was and had been. From this day I always knew him as "Dancing Bob". Full of life and joy!*

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