



Kenneth James Burke

June 16, 1958 - November 19, 2022

Kenneth James Burke, age 64, of Longwood passed away at 11:27pm, Saturday, November 19, 2022 in the comfort of his own home.

Ken was born Monday, June 16, 1958 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Thomas Kenneth Burke and Barbra Ann (Adamson) Burke. His childhood years were spent living in McLean, Virginia and then he moved to Bradenton, Florida where he attended high school. Ken is a proud member of the Manatee High School Hall of Fame. He was a member of the 1977 basketball team that went undefeated in the regular season. Ken graduated from the “Harvard of the South,” Florida State University, while also working for Southwestern knocking on doors selling student handbooks. Ken married the love of his life, Mary Pat Bailey on Saturday, October 15, 1983.

Ken was an active parishioner of Annunciation Catholic Church. He proudly spent his entire professional career as a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch during which he was regarded as one of the top Financial Advisor in the nation. He was proud to serve his clients and the colleagues and friends he worked alongside with at Merrill Lynch which were very dear to him. Ken enjoyed golfing, traveling, working out, and watching sports (especially the Seminoles), reading about the markets, but most of all, spending time with Mary Pat, his children, and grandchildren.

Ken was a strong and loving man whose faith in God guided him through every aspect of his life.

Ken is survived by his wife of thirty-nine years, Mary Pat; his children Kelly (Danny) Carrico, Garrett (Amanda) Burke, Meghan (Jeff) Walter, Brendan (Victoria) Burke, and John-Patrick; his grandchildren Dominic, Kyle, Brayden, Nolan, London, Raegan, Arden, Bailey, and Grace; his siblings Patti Leibach, Tom (Belinda) Burke, Virginia (Don) Taylor, Katie (Greg) Morrison, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ken and Barbara Burke, Ken was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Patrick and Patricia Bailey whom he admired deeply.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ken's honor to The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center (<https://tischbraintumorcenter.duke.edu/>) or The CORE Foundation (<http://www.corefloridafoundation.org/>).

A viewing will be held on Sunday, November 27, 2022 from 5pm-7pm at DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland. A funeral mass will be held at Annunciation Catholic Church with Bishop Stephen D. Parkes on Monday, November 28, 2022.

The family of Kenneth James Burke invites you to leave a message of condolence on the tribute wall created in his memory.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

NOV 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending our deepest condolences and prayers. We will always cherish the memories of Ken coaching Peter and JP in basketball. He was a great mentor to the boys on the team and made such a positive difference in the community. Love, The Jones Family (Rob, Holly, Garrett, Peter, Luke and Colin)

Holly Jones - January 07, 2023 at 07:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.



November 28, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.



November 27, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.



November 26, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.



November 26, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.



November 26, 2022 at 08:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.



November 25, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.



November 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Burke.*



November 24, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *My first memory of Ken was at the beer pong table. Kelly and I were facing off against him and Mary Pat. They won the first game, and I said best 2 out of 3. They won the second game, and I said best 3 out of 5. Ken went over to the kitchen and got the broom, every time it was our turn, he would start sweeping the floor around the table or playing air guitar on the broom. They won 3 in a row and swept us in our prime. I have always admired Ken's competitive drive. It's no surprise he is the first one to make it to heaven.*

Danny Carrico - November 22, 2022 at 04:43 PM