



Bobby Leon Burke

September 15, 1939 - January 28, 2022

Bobby Leon Burke, 82, passed away on Friday, January 28, 2022, surrounded by members of his family at home.

Bob was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on September 15, 1939, to Charles and Blanche Burke. Bob and Mary Jane Hoffman were married on April 1, 1958 and he began his career at Rust and Martin in Cape Girardeau as a furniture upholsterer. From there he moved to Sears in Cape Girardeau – beginning his 35 years at the company in the warehouse and eventually moving his way up to become one of the highest grossing large appliance salespersons in the entire district.

Bob was known by his many friends and family for his love of collecting antiques, working in his yard, his Friday nights spent at the various Shooting Matches in the area, and his Saturday morning breakfasts at McDonald's with his buddies. From feeding the birds in his yard to fishing in the ponds owned by his many friends, Bob kept himself busy after retirement. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren, and he always welcomed each visit with a big smile on his face and a warm welcome in his heart. He touched the lives of so many and he will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mary Jane Burke of Cape Girardeau. Also surviving are three daughters: Robin Burke of Missoula, Montana, Tracy

Burke of Cape Girardeau, Sara Southard (Dan) also of Cape Girardeau; five grandchildren: Kelcie Miller of Cape Girardeau, Kyle Miller of Cheney, Washington, Tanner Wright of Spokane Washington, Landon and Katelyn Southard of Cape Girardeau, and two great grandchildren: Isaiah and Kaylee Miller of Cheney, Washington. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who will certainly miss their "Uncle Bob."

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Bill and Jerry Burke, his sisters Judy Scott and Charlotte Burke, and his grandson, Hunter Southard.

Per Bob's request, there will be no visitation or funeral services.

Tribute Wall



“ Joe and I are so sorry you have lost Bob. We have many years of memories of the four of us fishing and playing cards together. Bob was more like a brother to Joe than a cousin. We are so sorry to live this far away from you. I can't believe it has been 10 years since we moved here. We love you and please thank Sara for keeping Wendee informed about you and your family.

Joe and Barbara Seabaugh

Barbara Seabaugh - February 04, 2022 at 11:11 AM

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“ Genetha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Leon Burke



Genetha Johnson - February 03, 2022 at 04:27 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss of Bob Mary Jane, you & your family are in our thoughts & prayers.

*In Him,
Larry & Linda Caldwell*

Larry Caldwell - February 01, 2022 at 09:47 AM

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“ So sad to hear one of my favorite cousins is not here any more. Bobby, as I affectionately knew him, was such a fun loving guy. He and my brother were so close to each. Bobby, I hold you always in my heart as you fly peacefully to your heavenly home. Until we meet again, rest easy, and give my mom and dad a big hug for me. They loved you.

Caroline Seabaugh - January 30, 2022 at 05:15 PM