



## James Wade Burke

July 2, 1948 - May 24, 2025

James Wade Burke, 76, of Jackson, passed peacefully on May 24, 2025, surrounded by loved ones after a year-long battle with cancer. Born July 2, 1948, in Poplar Bluff to James C. and Marguerite Layton Burke, he married Teresa "Teri" Lindsay on January 6, 1973, at First Baptist Church in Jackson, where he was later baptized. He was a member of Mercy Hill Church.

Jim graduated from Dexter High School in 1966 and served three years in the U.S. Army's Europe headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. Working in administration, he credited officers for teaching him valuable life skills and a barracks buddy for helping him shed his "Dexter accent." After his service, he earned a Business Administration degree from Southeast Missouri State University in 1973. He found his calling at AAA Insurance in Cape Girardeau, retiring in 2012 after 26 years. His competitive spirit shone in sales competitions, earning him numerous trips while always prioritizing excellent

client service.

Jim took much pleasure in participating in sports and fitness. Jim played center on Dexter's state-competing basketball team and won a Flag Football Championship in the Army. He continued playing intramural sports all 4 years at SEMO University. He coached his sons' Optimist Baseball and Basketball teams and was a fixture at the SEMO Rec Center for over 30 years, playing basketball with college students, and then later with guys his own age playing "Geezer Ball". He ran 5K marathons, the River-to-River Relay, and was selected to carry the Olympic Torch through Jackson in 1996. Even during his final year, he was determined to remain active at the Rec Center.

Jim and Teri loved RV adventures, visiting 50 National Parks across the U.S., finding beauty in nearly every state. They continued their travels until they were blessed with their one and only granddaughter, Charlotte Mae. As much as they loved traveling together, the opportunity to be able to help care for their granddaughter was an easy choice. "Charlie" has been such a blessing to her "Pop".

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Teri; sons, Travis of Cape Girardeau, Brian (Laura) of Jackson, and Jared of Oak Ridge; granddaughter, Charlotte; brothers-in-law,

Jay Trammell of  
Dexter, Marc Lindsay of Dallas, Jeff (Stephanie) Lindsay of Asheville, NC;  
sister-in-law,  
Suzanne Duplissey (Bob Uren) of Jackson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sharon Trammell; brother-in-law, Randy Lindsay;  
and Teri's parents, William and Betty Lindsay.

Visitation will be held at Ford and Sons Jackson Funeral Home on Thursday,  
May 29 from 10 am to 12 pm.

A funeral service, led by Pastor Aaron Campbell, will follow at noon at the  
funeral home, with  
private burial at Cape County Memorial Park at a later date.

If considering a memorial contribution, the family suggests Mercy Hill Church  
Building Fund.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Jackson  
708 W. Main Street  
Jackson, MO 63755  
(573) 243-2541  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 29.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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



May 27, 2025 at 11:03 PM



“ *Teri and boys, I offer my deepest condolences to you and am grieving along with you, the loss of a very kind and gentle man. I recall with fondness many of the things listed in the obituary...Teri and Jim's wedding, Jim's AAA career, the carrying of the Olympic Torch through Jackson, and vicariously, the years of RV adventures! But one of the things I appreciate most about Jim (and Teri and Suzanne) was his/their time spent with my aging parents, often taking them food and listening to their stories. I thank God for bringing Jim into Teri's life many years ago. Our family has been richly blessed by Jim's kindness, his strength, courage, and faithfulness. He truly was a living testimony of a life well-lived in Christ.*

**Lisa (Liley) Hanschen** - May 27, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ *Allen & Marsha Fisher purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of James Wade Burke.*



**Allen & Marsha Fisher** - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM



“ - Drew & Sierra McWilson & Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Wade Burke.



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- Drew & Sierra McWilson & Family - May 26, 2025 at 08:05 PM