



Terrence "Terry" P. Burns

June 4, 1939 - February 22, 2009

Terrence P. Burns "Terry", age 69, of Valparaiso, formerly of Gary, passed away peacefully at the VNA Porter County Hospice following a courageous battle with cancer, on Sunday, February 22, 2009, with his family by his side.

Terry, President and Co-Owner of Burns Funeral Homes, was preceded in death by his parents, Edward J. and Genevieve P. Burns, his brother Edwin J. Burns and his sister Marilyn T. (Burns) Kerger.

Terry was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Valparaiso, a former member of Holy Angels Cathedral, a graduate of Holy Angels Grade School and Horace Mann High School, Class of 1957 and a graduate of Worsham College of Mortuary Science. He attended Indiana University. He was a longtime member of the Gary Sportsman's Club, the Innsbrook Country Club, the Gary Old Timers, the Isaac Walton, an Executive Board Member of the Friendly Sons of Erin, and the AHEPA. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Terry is survived by his wife of 43 years, MaryBeth (Owens) Burns of Valparaiso; his daughters Jeannine (Charles) Clark of Las Vegas, NV, and their children Mary K. Clark of Chicago and Patrick C. Clark of Las Vegas; Margaret Leslie (Knight) Martorell and their son, Colin Knight Martorell of Highlands, NC; son Patrick A. (Heather) Burns and their sons, Ryan Patrick

Burns and Hayden Matthew Burns of Valparaiso; Sister Barbara Ann "Babs" (Jack) Chevigny of Munster; brother James F. (Sally) Burns of Hobart. and many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Friends and relatives may visit with the family on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 P.M. at the Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Funeral Services Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 509 E. Division Road, Valparaiso, for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. David H. Gosnell officiating. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Portage.

Contributions may be made to the VNA Horton Hospice, 401 Marquette, Valparaiso. 46383.

Tribute Wall



“ My fond recollection of Terry was through Mike \"Chico\" Rogan. My dad had passed away and Chico directed me to Terry for funeral preparations. He was considerate, kind and professional. I have not forgotten that. My God hold him in the palm of HIS hands.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Miller Starewicz##imported-end##

March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Terry will be miss greatly. He drove my late husband body to Galesburg,ILL. He was like part of the family. God be with all of you.##imported-begin##Mr. @Mrs. Frank Burton, Steve Argeropolo##imported-end##

February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences.##imported-begin##Arnie Krevitz##imported-end##

February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ MaryBeth, Jeannine, Leslie, & Patrick, we were very sad to hear Uncle Terry left us but I hope you can feel some comfort in knowing he will never be forgotten. We are especially thankful for all his wisdom, his kindness, his ability to make us laugh, and his storytelling was in a league of his own. He will be greatly missed by everyone that new him.##imported-begin##Terry Owens \$ Family##imported-end##

February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Terry\'s passing, he was a great guy. We had some fun times together in Michigan.##imported-begin##Judy (Morin) Pietkiewicz##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jimmy, Sally and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of Terry\'s passing. My brother, John (Jim) and my sister, Sallie knew him better than I did, but my family has known your family for a long, long time. You have handled the funerals for my parents and sister, Peggy along with many, many families in the Northwest Indiana area for many years. You, Terry and your family have done an outstanding job of comforting those who grieve the loss of a loved one through the years. My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this exceptionally difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Warm regards,

Kathy (Poxon) Winslow##imported-begin##Kathy (Poxon) Winslow##imported-end##

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“*MaryBeth, Jim, and the other members of Terry's family: I am so saddened to learn of Terry's death. He has been a lifelong friend, going all the way back to Holy Angels, through Horace Mann, and ever since. A better friend no one has ever had. His is certainly a life to celebrate.*

Good times or not, he was always there, always supportive, always with a smile, and always willing to listen and provide good counsel. Of course, knowing Terry, he was also always willing to do those things over a cold beer and a sandwich, whenever that was appropriate, which was most of the time.

The twinkle in his eye will never be forgotten, nor will his wonderful Irish sense of humor and love of pranks. No doubt there will be many toasts in his memory next month on St. Patrick's day, and I will not be an exception to that.

I am deeply disappointed that I will be unable to be there for the calling or funeral, but MaryBeth and Jim, I will call when I am back in Lake County.

My deepest sympathy to the entire family.##imported-begin##Jack R. Snyder##imported-end##

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