



Dallas M. Burke

November 9, 1926 - January 27, 2017

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Dallas M. Burke, 90, died surrounded by her family at 3:07 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She was born November 9, 1926 in Germantown, WI the daughter of Adolph and Beulah (Lied) Strack. She graduated from the Cadet program at the St. Joseph School of Nursing and was the school nurse at Western Military Academy in Alton for a short time. Dallas co-owned and operated Burke Funeral Home in Alton and Grafton for many years with her husband. Dallas was the first female coroner elected in the state of Illinois, serving from 1972 until her retirement in 2000. In 2002 Dallas was awarded the YMCA Woman of Distinction Award. On June 25, 1948 in Alton she married Thomas J. "Bud" Burke Jr. and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1972. Surviving are three daughters; Debby Lambert (Marc) of Godfrey, Sandy Moehn (Nick) of Alton, Pam Burke-O'Boyle of Alton and one son; Shaun Burke of Godfrey, thirteen grandchildren; Jamie Lambert (Sean VanMeter), Jeremy "Bo" Lambert (Roo), Shane Lambert (Katelyn Burns), Jodie Thomeczek (Danny), Geoffrey Moehn, Marcie Boyce (Dan), Niki Jo Elliott (Jeremy), Molly McAfoos (Robert), Niles Moehn, Amber O'Boyle, Marissa O'Boyle, Shealor O'Boyle, and Trevor O'Boyle, and twelve great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son; Thomas J. "T J" Burke III. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A mass of Christian burial will be on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St.

Mary's Catholic Church in Alton with Father John Paul Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School or Alton Symphony Orchestra. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Dallas M. Burke*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dallas M. Burke*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I will always remember the wonderful caring spirit of this wonderful lady. Anytime we had any dealings of a professional nature she would invite you in for a cup of coffee while the paper work was being done. As a deputy coroner in Greene County for the past 36 years, I had many occasions to visit with her. I will miss her kind spirit and all the wonderful conversations we had over the years.*

*With greatest love and respect,
Rick Hires*

Rick Hires - January 30, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *So saddened by your loss, the family will be in our prayers. Elaine Pflieger*

Elaine Pflieger - January 28, 2017 at 03:14 PM



*So sorry for your loss. I have served many years with Dallas. Always had utmost respect for her. May God grant Dallas eternal rest.
Jim and Debbie Laughlin*

Jim Laughlin - January 29, 2017 at 01:35 PM