



John Vincent Burke

October 9, 1937 - October 30, 2025

John Vincent Burke, 88, passed away on October 30, 2025 at his home in Waterville, surrounded by his family. Vince was born October 9, 1937 in Wenatchee to John and Cecil (Avenell) Burke. He graduated from Waterville High School in 1955 before attending Seattle University. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Ord, serving from 1960-1962. Vince returned home and went to work for Central Washington Grain Growers, spending 40 years working with many colleagues and farmers until his retirement.

Vince married Mary Ann Hannahs in 1964, and they made their home in Waterville. Together, they raised their four daughters, Mary Jo, Jacque, Michelle and Marsha. Their marriage and sense of family were a model to many during their 62 years together. Vince was a devoted husband, father and grandpa to his eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Vince was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying skiing, fly fishing, skeet shooting, golfing, biking and anything else he could try his hand at. He remained active his entire life, downhill skiing into his mid 80s. Vince could often be seen riding his ebike around town, which he did up until his final days. Fresh air and sunshine brought him great joy.

Anyone who knew Vince will remember him for his strong faith, integrity and

love of his family. He was a man of few words, but when he had something to say it was always worth listening to. He had a quick sense of humor and a remarkable mind and memory. He will be deeply missed.

Vince was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and also belonged to the Waterville and Wenatchee Gun Clubs, Desert Canyon Men's Club, and was a lifelong skier at Badger Mountain Ski Hill and Mission Ridge.

Vince was preceded in death by his parents, John and Cecil Burke, his sister, Cecilia (Leo) Roberts, and brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Harriet Burke. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Ann, his brother-in-law Leo Roberts, his daughters Mary Jo (Mike) Schroeder, Jacqueline (Chad) Clements, Michelle (Jack) Murphy, Marsha (Ryan) Ashley, eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Vince's family would like to thank Dr. Garrison, Dr. Kummer and the Confluence palliative care and hospice staff for the exceptional treatment and care they provided.

Memorial donations can be made in Vince's name to the Waterville Ambulance or Badger Mountain Ski Hill.

A Rosary will be held at 7:00 pm on November 7th at St. Joseph's Church in Waterville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 8th at St. Joseph's Church in Waterville, with a private interment to follow. Please join us for a luncheon immediately following Mass. Arrangements are by Jones and Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 7. 7:00 PM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church Waterville
101 E. Poplar
Waterville, WA 98858
(509) 745-8205

Mass

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ Love Liz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Vincent Burke.



Love Liz - November 07, 2025 at 12:24 PM

LL

“ Love Liz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Vincent Burke.

Love Liz - November 07, 2025 at 12:24 PM

BT

“ Barry T. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John Vincent Burke.



Barry T. - November 06, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JS

“ Very sad news. I respected and admired Vince more than any man I've ever met, other than my father. I grew up working with him at CWGG and miss those days. He will be missed. My prayers are with the family.

Joseph Susich - November 05, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Vincent Burke.*



November 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM



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Joseph Susich - November 05, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Larry P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Vincent Burke.*



Larry P. - November 05, 2025 at 08:28 AM

WF

“ With Love, The Murphy Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Vincent Burke.



With Love, The Murphy Family - November 04, 2025 at 02:38 PM

PF

“ Popoff & Lundwall Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Vincent Burke.



Popoff & Lundwall Family - November 04, 2025 at 11:36 AM

BK

“ Becky and Rich Kuchs purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John Vincent Burke.



Becky and Rich Kuchs - November 03, 2025 at 11:10 PM

BK

“ Becky and Rich Kuchs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Vincent Burke.

Becky and Rich Kuchs - November 03, 2025 at 11:10 PM

CS

“Vince was always a shining light in the parish. Always a smile and warm greeting no matter who you were. Always the first with shovel in hand to dig out Father and the sidewalks for the parishioners.

Carole and Chris Shedd - November 03, 2025 at 10:18 PM