



Geraldine M. "Gerri" Burke

June 18, 1951 - February 21, 2025

Geraldine "Gerri" Burke, age 73, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 21, 2025. A resident of Bonita Springs since 2011, Gerri had previously lived in Gurnee, IL, Madison, WI, Seal Beach, CA and Cherry Hill, NJ.

Born on June 18, 1951, in Queens, NY, Gerri was the beloved daughter of the late Thomas R. and Irene G. (Dallas) Burke. Gerri is survived by her loving siblings: Michael (Carol) Burke of Bonita Springs, FL, Robin Burke of Bonita Springs, FL, John Burke (Dennie Munson) of Blacksburg, VA, Suzanne (Dave) Williams of Paso Robles, CA, Kevin Burke of Maple Shade, NJ., and her many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She had a long and successful career, working 17 years in administration for the Cherry Hill Board of Education in New Jersey before spending 22 years at Oscar Mayer/Kraft Foods in HR, the Wienermobile, and as a change agent/project manager.

Gerri was committed to her beloved family, cherished friends, her church and her community. She loved people and always brought warmth and kindness to those around her. She will be remembered for her smile and quick sense of humor – a true people person. Gerri enjoyed attending social events, playing bocce, cheering on her Philadelphia Eagles, playing cards, and so many

travel adventures.

Gerri was committed to supporting various social causes and events. Following her parents lifelong spirit of volunteerism, she was an active volunteer throughout her life, most recently as a member of the Bonita Springs Fire Rescue and Control District VillageWalk CERT Team, an active member of the VillageWalk Activities Committee, phone banks to get out the vote, and food drives to benefit Café of Life. She was dedicated to giving back to the community.

Gerri will be dearly missed by all. She is now at peace with her Beloved Mother and Father, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, and her dog Suzy.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025 at 10:00am at St. William Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL 34108. A reception will be held following her service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Gerri's name to the Cafe of Life, P.O. Box 367794, Bonita Springs, FL 34136.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. William Catholic Church
750 Seagate Dr
Naples, FL 34103
(239) 263-5429

Tribute Wall

RB

“ As we grew older, I realized more and more how lucky I was to have you in my life. You weren't just my sibling, you were my best friend, my confidante, and my partner in every sense of the word. I cherish the memories we made together, from our silly fights, to our deep conversations, to our adventures as we traveled to so many wonderful places. You brought so much joy and love to my life, and I'm thankful for every moment we shared. Thank you for the love, the laughter, and the lifelong memories. Thank you for being such an amazing sister.

Robin Burke - April 22, 2025 at 10:14 AM

ML

“ Robin I am so sorry for your loss. Gerri was a very special person with a smile for everyone. I am going to miss her. She is gone way too soon. I will not be in Bonita Sorings because I broke my pelvis in Metairie, La. Or I would be at her Mass. My prayers are with you and your family. All my love!
Margaret Little

Margaret Little - April 13, 2025 at 01:52 PM

BP

“ So sorry for your loss! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers! 🙏❤️



Brenda and Terry Peters - April 10, 2025 at 05:56 PM

BP

“ *Many fond memories of Gerri’s sense of humor and spunky, spicy personality will carry on with all those who had the pleasure of knowing her! She is truly missed by all of us, but her light shines on!*

Brenda and Terry Peters - April 10, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BK

“ *Robin- so sorry for your loss. Gerri was an active and valued member of the VW community. Betty Kalliney*

betty Kalliney - March 11, 2025 at 02:25 PM

MF

“ *I will NEVER understand the "WHY, or How COME". I only know the joy of our friendship will stay in my heart forever. I miss you.*

Marita Flach - March 11, 2025 at 10:40 AM

PC

“ *Robin, we are so sorry for your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences.*
Luc and Pat Charron

Pat and Luc Charron - March 10, 2025 at 04:01 PM

SW

“ *Gerri is so missed. We loved her, her humor, and her passion for life. Our condolences to Robin and the whole family. Sunny and Jeff Wells*

Sunny Wells - March 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM