



Thomas A. Burke

April 17, 1936 - January 16, 2026

89, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Loveland, Ohio, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2026, surrounded by devoted family. Tom was the beloved husband of 54 years to the late Joan M. (Garrity) Burke, loving father of Sarah B. (Paul) Rogozinski and Kelly A. (John Clifford) Burke, and proud Poppa of Erin (Matthew) Swafford, Caitlin (Matthew) Hager, Kevin Rogozinski, Sean (Juliana) and Liam Clifford. He was the doting Papu to Patrick, Maeve, and Caroline Swafford and Conor Hager. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas J. Burke and Catherine (Manney) Burke and his sister, Maureen (William) Rowland. He is fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews.

Tom was born on April 17, 1936, in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Bryant College, earned a Master of Business Administration from Roosevelt University, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for 7 years and the US Army (Finance Division) for 2 years. Spending most of his professional life in the field of finance, Tom's career took him and his family from New York, New York, to Arlington Heights, Illinois; to Omaha, Nebraska; and finally Cincinnati, Ohio where he retired in 1998 as Treasurer for Millennium Petrochemicals Corporation.

Tom especially cherished time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren and enthusiastically supported his grandsons, Sean and Liam while cheering on their football teams at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Penn State University, Green Bay Packers, and Cincinnati Bengals. He was an avid

sports fan and lifelong “subway alum” of Notre Dame football. His Boston Terrier, Ditka, was his loyal companion.

The family will celebrate Tom’s life with a private Funeral Mass on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at The Community of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8815 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery immediately follows Mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation made to Little Sisters of the Poor at <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=lsind&id=52> or the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at <https://cincyblind.org/support-us/donate>


Tribute Wall

EH

“ I am so sad to hear of Tom's passing. What a wonderful man!! I loved to watch him and my dad, Bob Healy, laugh and joke with each other - never a dull moment when they were together. My Dad always got a kick out of Tom. I remember many a party with Joan and Tom - they were the kindest people, both had wonderful warm smiles, and they knew how to enjoy themselves. They lit up a room when they walked through the door. May dear Tom Burke rest in eternal peace & may your memories bring you comfort.

Eileen Healy - April 01 at 04:13 PM

PO

“ Sending a big Irish hug to Sarah, Kelly and their families. Tom was a good friend of my husband, Bob Healy, and when we married, he asked Tom to be his best man. I enjoyed the stories Tom and Bob would share about their earlier, wilder years. Tom and Joan were both very special people and I'm happy to have known them. 

Peg O'H. - April 01 at 11:23 AM

KA

“ "Well done, good and faithful servant." Rest in peace now, Uncle Tom. You will be greatly missed. Give Aunt Joan, Mom, Dad, and Gram a big hug from me. Love, Katie

Katie - January 31 at 09:18 AM

KH

“ Sarah and Paul-- from all of us at Veritas Realty, we send our deepest and heartfelt sympathy for your loss. The wonderful photos of this handsome gentleman tell how deeply he valued his family.

Kyle T. Hughes - January 27 at 11:57 AM

BC

“ I remember meeting you, Kelly when we lived in Lake Zürich. Your mom and dad would visit. They were so nice! I was glad to get to know them. Your dad was a sweet man and may God bless him and you as you remember, all the wonderful things about him and your family. We love you. Jack and Barbara.

Barbara Conlin - January 26 at 01:22 PM

PR

“ Tom was an awesome guy! RIP

Patrick Raverty - January 23 at 07:42 PM

RU

“ Thomas, you stand relieved from your post. A job well done fellow veteran. America thanks you for your service to our country in the defense of freedom. The final volley has sounded and taps is about to begin, ending a successful career as a nation's defender. Farewell fellow veteran.

Robert J. Miklas, USN. - January 22 at 08:52 PM



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