



## John Burke

October 5, 1941 - November 18, 2023

John Edmund Burke, Sr. (aka Johnny, J5, Daddy and P-Paw), passed away in the early hours of Thursday, November 17, 2023. Johnny was born October 5, 1941 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to the late Mildred Catherine and William Byron Burke.

From a young age, Johnny seemed to excel at everything he tried. In 1951 he helped his baseball Little League team win the Oklahoma State Championship. He still has his winning letter jacket today. He became an Eagle Scout often speaking of earning various difficult badges. At Spring Branch high school, he helped his swim team win state.

Johnny also had a passion for speed, steep terrains and powerful machines. His pursuits ranged from his speed boat (never turning down a challenge to race another boat and teaching each of his kids how to ski) to his Harley Davison motorcycle, to his '92 Zr1 Corvette that he raced all over Texas with his best friend, Mike Kirby, to his beloved '04 Jeep LJ off roading until Covid ended an incredible rock-crawling career.

He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1963 (WHOOOP) with a Petroleum Engineering degree. This led to many years in the oil business. In the 80's he moved to Bastrop, Texas. Here he managed Aqua Water Supply Corporation for 23 years. Locals and travelers alike can still see his well-known smiley

faced water tanks as they travel through Bastrop County. He became very influential in the Texas water community during that time and was on numerous water boards and associations. Johnny was particularly proud of his work for water conservation in the state of Texas and protection of our aquifers. He was very active at his church Bastrop Christian Fellowship where he led worship for many years. It was in Bastrop that he started the Still Rockin Band with his dear friend, Tommy Schaper, winning the "Best in Bastrop" award in 2009.

In 2017 he moved to Cypress, Texas where he joined Salem Lutheran Church. He continued to be very involved in his church and in the water business until his passing.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Martha Younker Burke (Marnie), his sister Carole von Hedemann and children, John Burke Junior (JJ), Dale Miller and her husband Jason, Becki Burke, Matthew Burke, Malcolm Hartman and his wife Amber, Richard Hartman and his wife Kim; and Grace Schaper and her husband Cale. Johnny has twelve grandchildren, one great-grand child, three nieces and a nephew.

Johnny loved his children and his dogs, was generous to many, full of wisdom, an amazing listener, and a known prayer warrior. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in John's memory; some of his favorite charity organizations to support included:

The Wounded Warrior Project: [https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=11585&ovr\\_acv\\_id=16828&campaignSource=ONLINE&source=BS23008AAABRXAA&gad\\_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAvJarBhA1EiwAGgZI0LNKP2dsiNhjeMV1Q1UkLg0acqevWSRNxB8SjSITyNuFIH\\_SqPPOnxoCTbkQAvD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=11585&ovr_acv_id=16828&campaignSource=ONLINE&source=BS23008AAABRXAA&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAvJarBhA1EiwAGgZI0LNKP2dsiNhjeMV1Q1UkLg0acqevWSRNxB8SjSITyNuFIH_SqPPOnxoCTbkQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

Salem Lutheran Church: <https://www.salem4u.com/giving/>

Tunnels to Towers: [https://dogood.t2t.org/give/320847/?\\_gl=1\\*14brl9n\\*\\_ga\\*MjA0NjkzNjQ4OS4xNzAxMTg0NDcw\\*\\_ga\\_KKJBEGGEYM\\*MTcwMTE4NDQ3MC4xLjAuMTcwMTE4NDQ3MC42MC4wLjA.#!/donation/checkout](https://dogood.t2t.org/give/320847/?_gl=1*14brl9n*_ga*MjA0NjkzNjQ4OS4xNzAxMTg0NDcw*_ga_KKJBEGGEYM*MTcwMTE4NDQ3MC4xLjAuMTcwMTE4NDQ3MC42MC4wLjA.#!/donation/checkout)

A note from Addison Funeral Home: The family of Mr. John Burke is not affiliated with any GoFundMe or other fundraising campaign, and any fundraising effort for their family published on their behalf should be considered fraudulent.

# Cemetery Details

**Salem Lutheran Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Receiving of Family and Friends

NOV 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Lutheran Church  
22601 Lutheran Church Rd  
Tomball, TX 77377  
<https://www.salem4u.com/>

### Funeral Service

NOV 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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### Burial

NOV 30. 12:00 PM.

Salem Lutheran Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ Johnny was always cheerful. His leading the music was always wonderful, as we would enter the throne room in true worship. He could also take one look at you and know how you were doing. He really cared for people, and he loved, loved, loved his family. Johnny's memory is a blessing. Hugs and prayers to the family and all who had the privileged to know him. May you find peace in the name of Jesus. Amen. Love, Nadine Cowey

Nadine Cowey - November 30, 2023 at 12:22 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Burke.



November 29, 2023 at 08:16 AM

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“ The Durst Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Burke.

The Durst Family - November 29, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of John Burke.



November 28, 2023 at 01:17 PM

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“ From Darrin Elliott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Burke.

From Darrin Elliott - November 28, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Burke.



November 28, 2023 at 11:37 AM



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



November 28, 2023 at 09:00 AM

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“ Love, Kresta, Johnny and Grace Franklin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Burke.

Love, Kresta, Johnny and Grace Franklin - November 28, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Burke.*



November 27, 2023 at 07:48 PM



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



November 27, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Burke.*



November 27, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *Thank you John for all the smiles you have shared with your water family through the many years. You will be truly missed! Kathy Turner Jones*

**Kathy Turner Jones** - November 27, 2023 at 12:35 PM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Johnny and Family*



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**John E. Burke, Jr.** - November 27, 2023 at 12:20 PM

 Gail  
Bowlin  
Reyes

“ *I pray that your memories of you through this difficult time. I remember John as a quiet man who stood back and took note of what was going on around him. He was generous when he saw a need. My heart is with you, Marnie!*

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**Gail Bowlin Reyes** - November 25, 2023 at 12:42 PM