



## Carl "Matt" Burke

August 26, 1952 - May 28, 2026

Burke, Carl M, "Matt" of Rapid City, formerly of Davison, died May 28, 2026 at his residence. Matt was born in Flint, MI on August 26, 1952 to Cordia Shiflett and Carl Milton Burke. Matt was a 1972 graduate of Davison High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree at Ferris State University. Matt went on to make a life-long career at Goyette Mechanical, serving over 40 years - first in estimating, sales and project management, then rising to Vice President, a position he held for over 20 years. He later retired from his Vice President role but continued estimating for the company until the time of his passing.

Matt married Pamela Thompson on March 19, 1994. Together, Matt and Pam shared a love that most people would dream of experiencing. They spent much of their time together boating, vacationing, playing cards with friends, playing Yahtzee and just enjoying each other. Matt was a friend to everyone he met. He was a wonderful husband, an excellent father, and an exceptional grandfather. He loved spending time with his family.

Matt was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends. He was a lover of Detroit sports and a die-hard U of M fan. He spent many Saturdays attending Michigan Football games. Every other available moment of his life was devoted to his yard! He lived every day with a "Why put off until tomorrow what you can do today" kind of work ethic. His

presence will be missed everywhere that he existed in this life.

Matt is survived by his wife, Pam, his children Chad (Lori) Burke, Ryan (Jennifer) Burke, Katie Domby, Ron (Nikki) Harris and Rachael Harris. His grandchildren Alex (Taylor) Brouillet, Samuel and Cole Burke, Alyssa, Morgan and Leo Domby, and Brody, Brennan and Brady Smith. His brothers Greg (Jackie) Goyette, Gerry Goyette, and Andy (Jennifer) Goyette. Many special nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl Milton Burke, John and Cordia Goyette, his sister Roxanne Harrington, brother-in-law Michael Harrington and his grandson Burke Smith.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held in Matt's honor at MD's Sports Tavern, 3040 N. State Rd, Davison, June 24th from 4-8pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

MD Sports Tavern  
3040 N. State Rd.  
Davison, MI 48423

# Tribute Wall

FR

“ Matt made a profound difference in my life.  
He hosted a canoe trip and gathered up at least 80 people for a paddle down the au sable river. This was over a weekend and I was working overtime at Marathon Oil refinery, and took the weekend off to go on Matt's canoe trip, which I seldom missed overtime... this time, I missed the explosion and fire and the death of one coworker and injury of several others  
Had it not been for Matt, I may well have burned to death 120' up and no way down. By taking the weekend off, I was with Matt and friends instead of burning.  
Reset in peace Matt, and thanks for thinking of me.  
Frank

---

frank - Yesterday at 02:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carl "Matt" Burke.



---

June 17 at 07:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carl "Matt" Burke.

---

June 17 at 07:20 AM

SK

“ Steve And Jill Keeton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl "Matt" Burke.



---

Steve And Jill Keeton - June 07 at 05:12 PM

SK

“ Steve And Jill Keeton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl "Matt" Burke.

---

Steve And Jill Keeton - June 07 at 05:12 PM

CJ

“ Matt and Pam are the best neighbors and always so much fun to just hang out with. Matt was kind and always had a smile. Matt had everything under control at all times except for maybe one thing....backing his boat down his winding driveway. That was so entertaining to listen to Pam give him directions as he went back and forth inching his way to the garage. Matt was only in my life for a few short years but I sure am going to miss that guy. I am happy to say he was a delight to be around and was a good friend. Thank you for being there for us. You will always be in our hearts. Love,  
Chris and Kimberly Judd

---

chris judd - June 06 at 10:48 PM

SM

“ *Matt will always be remembered as a friendly fun happy guy. As cousins he will always be remembered as a gentle soul and be in my heart.*

*Gone but not forgotten.*

*God bless his family and may. God's love surround them. Sandy and. Don. Malucci.*

---

**Sandy Farner. Malucci** - June 03 at 08:34 AM