



## Robert Francis Burke

June 8, 2015

Our beloved Robert Francis Burke, 26, passed from this life on Monday, June 8, 2015 at his home. Born June 26, 1988, he was the son of Michael and Alison (Miller) Burke of West Hartford, the brother of Aaron Burke of West Hartford and Katie Burke of Alexandria, VA and grandson of Elisabeth Miller of Wilmington, NC. Robert was also treasured by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, countless friends and his late grandparents, Raymond and Ursula Burke and Ross Miller. He always inspired laughter, love and strength with his wit, thoughtfulness and indomitable spirit. He looked at you with the eyes of an angel and made you feel how special you truly are. Many recognize Rob as a superhero for battling a brain tumor courageously for 15 years. A wake will be held on Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. A funeral service to honor Rob's life will be held on Monday at 11:00 a.m. also at the funeral home. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the CT Brain Tumor Alliance at [www.ctbta.org](http://www.ctbta.org), the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp at [www.holeinthewallgang.org](http://www.holeinthewallgang.org) or Camp Rising Sun at [www.camprisingsun.com](http://www.camprisingsun.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

JUN **14**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

### Celebration of Life

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Francis Burke.*



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June 14, 2015 at 09:01 AM



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



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June 14, 2015 at 03:43 AM



“ *Dear Alison and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Each time you shared a story with me about Rob, you always had a sparkle in your eyes. You will never lose that sparkle. I am thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers. With love, Georgia Austin*

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**Georgia Austin** - June 13, 2015 at 08:49 PM

KL

“ So sorry to hear of Rob's passing. I can only think of beautiful thoughts when I think of him. Such a loving, kind, and gentle soul. He always had a smile on his face and was ready to offer assistance in a heartbeat. It was a pleasure to know him. Thinking of your family at this special time. ❤️🌻  
Sent with loving thoughts, Karen Loscher

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**Karen Loscher** - June 13, 2015 at 01:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Francis Burke.



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June 12, 2015 at 01:52 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your son, Rob. He was always such a friendly and sweet young man! Unfortunately, we have not seen him for some time now, but I remember seeing him at Walgreens and walking around the neighborhood to get some exercise and air. He will be very missed.

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**Beth Katten** - June 12, 2015 at 01:06 PM

LA

“ I remember Rob as the sweetest boy at Braeburn Elementary, when he was still called Robbie. He always made me smile and laugh and he was a good friend to my daughter. Throughout middle and high school, as I would occasionally run into him, he stayed just as sweet and showed so much courage. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Laura Abed*

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**Laura Abed** - June 12, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ Alison I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart breaks for you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
*Sincerely,*  
*Julia Warren*

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**Julia Warren** - June 11, 2015 at 04:22 PM

IL

“ Love ongoing for you and your dear family and friends, Rob; and godspeed your sweet, smart, sly, courageous, warm, generous eternal spirit.

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**Ilene/Noodle** - June 11, 2015 at 01:13 PM

EM

“ Dear Allison and Mike.  
*I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved son. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Ellen Matos*

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**Ellen Matos** - June 11, 2015 at 12:47 PM

CA

“ I was fortunate to have Rob as a student when he was in 10th grade Biology at Hall high. Although it must have been 10 years ago, I can clearly remember Rob's wonderfully uplifting smile and his positive attitude. Rob had charisma! He was as genuine and friendly to his teachers as he was to his fellow classmates. My thoughts and prayers are with the Burke family.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Goerner

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Carolyn - June 11, 2015 at 11:57 AM

ML

“ Dear Alison and Mike, Aaron and Katie,

For several years, early on in Rob's struggle, we were next door neighbors on Whitman Avenue. Rob was a young teenager then and always had a friendly "hello" for me when we happened to see one another. To my surprise, there was Rob with his friendly hello of recognition when he was much more grown up and was working at Troy's Mobil station. It was so sad to read about Rob's death, but I trust he is now at peace.

Fondly,  
Margaret P. Levy  
West Hartford

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Margaret P. Levy - June 11, 2015 at 11:42 AM

 Lisa  
Bazilo

“ I just became aware of Rob's passing and I am soooo sad. He was a sweet and kind person who always made me feel like I was part of the family. My heart is broken for the Burke family. Lisa Burke

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Lisa Bazilo - June 11, 2015 at 08:39 AM

BF

“ *Jeanne and family.  
I was so sorry to read of the passing of your nephew Robert. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.*

*Barbara Devins Fultz*

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**Barbara Fultz** - June 11, 2015 at 08:12 AM

MK

“ *I had Rob as a student when he was in the 6th grade at King Philip Middle School. My time with him in school focused on the language arts. I remember Rob as a talented creative writer who always took the assigned vocabulary words and captivated his audience with ongoing tales of fictitious experiences of war. His stories were so well written that I shared a compilation with local veterans groups. If I recall correctly, his stories were so moving that he was made an honorary member of VFW Post 9929 at the age of 12. As a person who demonstrated courage, vision and sensitivity, he will be missed.*

*Martin Keena  
Grade 6  
Topaz Team-Social Studies  
King Philip Middle School  
West Hartford*

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**Martin Keena** - June 10, 2015 at 11:49 AM

KD

“ *Kathy Demetrius sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Robert Francis Burke*



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**Kathy Demetrius** - June 10, 2015 at 09:27 AM

KD

*Mike, Alison, Aaron and Katie,  
Rob was for sure a super hero. It is so sweet to read all the wonderful things that his friends are writing, What beautiful tributes to an amazing man. I hope all the memories and signs he is sending are bringing you some peace at this time. Love you all, xoxo Love Kathy, Rich and ZuZu*

**Kathy Demetrius** - June 10, 2015 at 09:32 AM

SD

“ We are thinking of and praying for your family during this challenging time. How blessed Robbie was to be a part of such a loving and dedicated family.

**Scott and Stephanie Dunn** - June 10, 2015 at 05:56 AM

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**Scott, Stephanie, Jack, and Ava Dunn** - June 10, 2015 at 05:55 AM

TG

“ Mrs Burke...  
No words seem adequate to express the sadness we feel for you and your family.  
Please accept our deepest heartfelt sympathies.  
Sending you strength and much love from the Gidman Family.  
Summer, Cheryl, John & Zoe


**The Gidman's** - June 09, 2015 at 09:29 PM

GE

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Robert's passing. Our hearts and thoughts are with you and your family Mrs Burke. Love from Gina, Dave, Kaitlyn, Connor and Sarah Eddy

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**gina eddy** - June 09, 2015 at 07:56 PM

 Sandy Bermeo Miller

“ Thinking of you and your family. We love you Mrs. Burke. Riley, Logan, Sandy, and Wayne Miller



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**Sandy Bermeo Miller** - June 09, 2015 at 07:12 PM

KS

“ While we never had the privilege to know Robert personally, we know that he must have been an extraordinary person like his mother. Our hearts and thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow and always.  
Our Deepest Sympathies,  
The Escamilla Family

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**Karen and Henry scamilla** - June 09, 2015 at 06:52 PM