



Kevin O. Burke

February 5, 1965 - June 19, 2016

Kevin O'Neill Burke, 51, passed to eternal life peacefully at home surrounded by family on June 19th after a courageous three-year long battle with synovial sarcoma.

Kevin was the beloved husband of Lisa (nee Kolebuck) and most awesome dad ever to Daniel, Erin, Kara and Alena. He was the cherished son of Elizabeth and Tom Burke, and brother of Mike (Tina), Steve (Casey), Mary Beth, Pat (Lisa) and Shannon (Dave Bryan); fond son-in-law of Darlyne and Frank Kolebuck; and brother-in-law of Adrienne (Dan Simmons), Paul (Meagan) and Lance; He was also a favorite uncle to numerous nieces and nephews and a dear and loving cousin, nephew and true friend to many.

Kevin was born in Chicago on February 5, 1965. After graduating from St. Joseph's High School in Westchester, IL, Kevin attended Northern Illinois and Western Illinois Universities, where he studied Transportation and Logistics. After college, he began an industrious career with Waste Management, Gateway Recycling, and Fondessey Hauling and Disposal. In recent years, Kevin worked for MHL Computer Products. Among his many altruistic endeavors, Kevin was long-standing member of the Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) Governing Board. As a founding Trustee of OCCS, he also served as Chairman from 2003 to 2005. Additionally, Kevin served as a board member at Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful, Inc. for 15 years, where he met his Lisa.

Kevin married the love of his life, Lisa Kolebuck, in 1996, after many years of friendship. Kevin and Lisa were blessed with four beautiful children whom he coached in t-ball, baseball, and basketball. Kevin was his family's rock and they meant everything to him.

Kevin was a true friend, a man of integrity, patience and wisdom, who had genuine care and concern for others. His easy laugh, and funny faces and voices, made him someone who was truly a "glass half-full" kind of guy, loved by many. His remarkable courage and selflessness shined for all to see. Kevin was greatly loved and respected by his family and innumerable friends, and will be deeply missed by all.

We thank the doctors and staff of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer

Center, Sarcoma Clinic, especially Dr. Laurence H Baker, DO, and Dr. Rashmi Chugh, M.D. who never discouraged Kevin from living his life to the fullest while fighting this rare form of cancer. A special thanks to Dr. Kara Hertzfeld, M.D., and Toledo Radiation Oncology for their compassionate treatment.

Arrangements: There will be a visitation Friday, June 24 from 9am-11am followed by 11:00am Mass at St. John XXIII Catholic Community – 24250 Dixie Hwy, Perrysburg OH 43551. The Mass will stream live at <http://www.stjohn23.org/watch-live>. Interment will be private.

Donations: If you wish to donate to the family, in lieu of any flowers, we ask that you contribute to the family's fund to carry on Kevin's legacy.

<https://www.youcaring.com/KevinOBurke>

Comments



“ Just heard the sad news. Our family sends our prayers to his family. Kevin was a wonderful person. Our love to all.

Sharon Dunn - July 06, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I actually only knew him thru softball. My granddaughter Lindsey, was on his team and then Erin was in turn on her team. He was just a wonderful coach-always patient soft-spoken and fair to all. When he would see me at games the following year, always gave me a wave and a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Janis Bykowski - June 27, 2016 at 08:43 AM



“ Love and prayers for the Burke family. What a great man and a great family. My heart aches for you.

MARY BETH DURBIN - June 25, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ To the Burke Family: I'm very sorry to read of the loss of your loved one. Remember to turn to the scriptures for endurance. Isaiah 25:8 and Revelation 21:4 speaks of a time when death will be a thing of the past and our loved ones will be reunited with us. Continue to beg God for endurance until that time comes.

Jae - June 25, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I had the pleasure of meeting Kevin in RCIA. He was a sponsor. I will never forget his smile and him always remembering my name as well as the other newbies in that class. His love for life and his family is something I will never forget. One of a kind! See you in heaven brother.

Mark Smith - June 24, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Burke Family. I have many fond memories of my childhood, Kevin along with his family being part of them. I will always remember his laugh! Great guy!

Don Fassro - June 24, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ Lisa & Kids, So sorry to hear about Kevin. He'll be truly missed. It was always a good time when Kevin was around with all the laughing, joking and story telling. In the short time I knew Kevin, he was a true friend.
Rest in peace Kevin.
Charlie

Charlie Nieman (Arms Dock) - June 24, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ I met Kevin when he coached my daughters' softball team. He was one of the kindest, most patient, generous people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Both my daughters really enjoyed him as their coach. He will always be remembered as Coach Burke to us. My thoughts are with his family. Please know that heaven really did receive an angel.

Jenny Horak - June 24, 2016 at 06:55 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to you, Lisa, your children and all of the Burkes. I wish I could join you on Friday for the celebration of Kevin's life (so much to celebrate), but intend to watch the service on line. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.²⁹

Joyce Rader - June 23, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Lisa and your children

Maureen Bishop - June 23, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ Lisa and family, I am so sorry for your loss of a great husband and father. Kevin exemplified the meaning of a great husband and father. He will be truly missed by all that knew him

Dr. Susan Clay-Hufford - June 22, 2016 at 03:39 PM

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“ Kevin will be missed by many people including all of us. He surely earned his wings on Earth. You are in our prayers.
Liz, Mike, Juney, Sam and Bean

Liz, Mike, Juney, Sam and Bean - June 22, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ I didn't know Kevin that well, but I do know he was a Charger and he came from an outstanding family. He'll be sorely missed.
The Burke Family is in my prayers.

Gene Pingatore
St. Joseph High School

Gene Pingatore (Coach Ping) - June 22, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear Kevin passed away. My deep condolences to all the family and friends.

Jim Diehl - June 22, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of the loss of Kevin. I grew up with the Burke family who lived right around the corner from me. I remember many days of being by their house playing basketball. My deepest sympathies to his family and dear friends. You are all in my prayers. Rest easy Kevin.

Kari (Schleitwiler) Schade - June 22, 2016 at 04:53 AM



“ To the the Burke family,

I am so sorry for your loss, my deepest sympathies.

Sincerely,

David Musial

David Musial - June 21, 2016 at 11:57 PM



“ Out prayers and thoughts are with All
of you with the passing of Kevin.
We will continue supporting you with prayer
in this time of need.
May God Bless you ALL....

Mike and Nancy Burke

Mike and Nancy Burke - June 21, 2016 at 07:13 PM