



George Eskel Burke

February 22, 1945 - January 14, 2025

George Eskel Burke, 79, of Milano, passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Services will be 2 pm, Monday, January 20, 2025, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Rockdale, TX with Deacon Rudy Orona officiating. Family will receive visitors an hour prior to services at 1pm.

George was born February 22, 1945, in Havaco, West Virginia to Andrew and Ethel Burke.

Dad grew up in the mountains of East Tennessee. His dad was a coal miner and his mom a homemaker. Dad adored all his siblings, and they were a tight knit family. He loved to work, enjoyed all types of fishing and was a collector of many things. He loved to love! He gave more than he ever took always putting other needs before his own. He was always in charge, and nobody could do it better than him! His smiling face and quick wit always ensuring anyone around him felt comfortable discussing everyday life. He taught his children compassion, empathy and love through example. His favorite sayings were, "I'm riding around looking handsome!" And "it is what it is!" His life journey has many unbelievable tales from running moonshine down the mountain to working in the oil field. He was a very simple man who enjoyed life to its fullest creating special and unique memories that will never be forgotten. His legacy will eternally live in his children and grandchildren.

George was preceded in death by his parents; son, George Eskel Burke Jr.; sisters, Katherine Wilson and Martha Burke; nephew, Peter Shane Burke.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sharon Burke of Milano, TX; Daughters, Margaret Sue Davis of Hixson, TX, Georgianna Fox and Husband, Richard Orona of Winchester, TX, Yvonne Tipton and husband, Michael of Soddy Daisy, TN and Alisa Eherlund and husband, Robert of Giddings, TX; sons, George Andrew Burke of Rockdale, TX, and George A. Burke Jr. of Milano, TX; grandchildren, Matt Davis, Heather Styles, Sydney Tipton, Christian Burke, Elijah Burke, Noah Burke, Luke Burke, Lilly Ehlund, Violet Ehlund, Rose Ehlund and Justin Pete Tipton; great-grandchild, Jaxon Styles; sisters, Nancy Herman, Evelyn Stokes, Barbara Sams and Brookie Lyons; twin sister, Florence Shell; brothers, Andrew Burke and Arthur "Pete" Burke.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home

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Tribute Wall

“ Echos Of A Texas Legend - George Burke Sr.

*In the heart of Texas, where the wild winds
blow.*

*Lived a man like no other, a legend we'd
know.*

*George Burke Sr., an oilfield's pride.
With grit in his veins and attitude, let it ride.*

*Master of his craft, and king on a rig.
“God damn it, Son,” a statement so big.*

*A grandfather's laugh, a husband's embrace, a father's wisdom, a
friend full of grace.*

*He took no shit, stood tall in the fray.
A badass in boots, paving his way.*

*With black gold beneath him and dreams in his gaze.
He carved his story through long, dusty days.*

*Now the rigs stand silent, the fields seem still.
A void left behind no time can fill.*

*But echoes of “Honey” and “Son” remain.
A sweet, steady hum through joy and pain.*

*Rest easy, George, beneath the vast Texas skies.
Your spirit unbroken, your legend won't die.*

*For men like you are forged, not made,
A timeless icon, whose impact will never fade.*





“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Eskel Burke.*



January 19, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Daniel Wilson & Family (Bud's son) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Eskel Burke.*

Daniel Wilson & Family (Bud's son) - January 19, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ *Daniel Wilson & Family (Bud's son) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Eskel Burke.*



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“ George Burke
I am going to miss you .Now who sent you from Heaven to torment me ??? Lol oh he sent me to torment you ... I'll still do that even if u are in Heaven.. haha
Well that's what George usto say to me when he would call or when I would come to visit..
Missing you
Your sister in law sent from heaven just to torment you... that's right ... you will hear my voice saying that up in heaven so long brother in law
See you later.
Love Lisa

Lisa Albright Stanger - January 18, 2025 at 09:40 PM

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“ Karen Whiteside purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of George Eskel Burke.



Karen Whiteside - January 18, 2025 at 05:37 PM

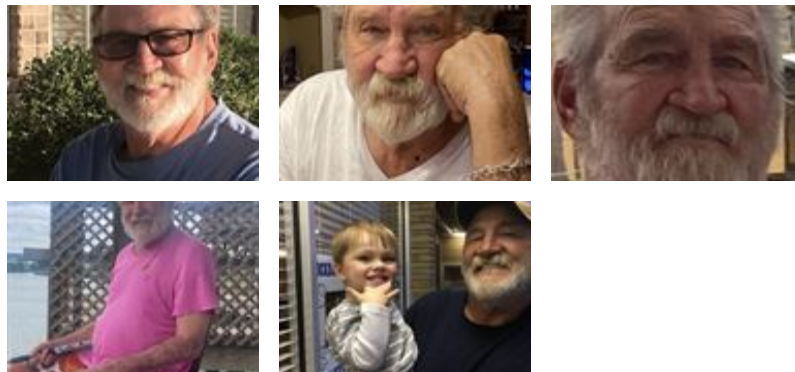
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Karen Whiteside - January 18, 2025 at 05:37 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 17, 2025 at 01:21 PM

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“ *Leanna & Brandi purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of George Eskel Burke.*



Leanna & Brandi - January 16, 2025 at 04:53 PM