



Eugene L. Burke

March 1, 1941 - November 21, 2025

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Eugene L. Burke, age 84, of St. Anthony, Indiana, passed away at 10:50 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2025, at Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana.

Eugene was born in Huntingburg, Indiana, on March 1, 1941, to Herman and Lorena (Reckelhoff) Burke. He married Rita Schipp on September 12, 1964, at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church in Ferdinand, Indiana. She preceded him in death on December 28, 2008.

He was a lifelong farmer and a founding member of the Celestine Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a member of St. Isidore Parish – St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, and the Celestine Community Club.

Eugene enjoyed playing cards, especially Sheepshead and Euchre, and tractor pulls.

Surviving are two daughters; Diann (Mark) Haas, Jasper, IN, Yvonne (Bob) Haller, Georgetown, IN, two grandchildren; Kyle and Tyler Haas, three great grandchildren; Sam, Mason, and Cody Haas, one sister, Mary Ann (Randy)

Boeglin, Huntingburg, IN, and one sister-in-law, Patty Burke, Celestine, IN.

Preceding him in death besides his wife is one brother, Herbert J. "Herb" Burke.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Eugene L. Burke will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Saturday. The IFVA will have a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Isidore Parish or to the Celestine Volunteer Fire Department.

Online condolences may be made to [www. becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

Cemetery Details

St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

NOV 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Celestine Church
6864 Indiana 64
Celestine, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Celestine Church
6864 Indiana 64
Celestine, IN

Tribute Wall

KG

“ *REST IN PEACE EUGENE, MAY YOU NOW BE FREE FROM PAIN, AND STRESS*

KIMBERLY S GOODMAN - November 28, 2025 at 07:54 AM

DB

“ *R.I.P. Eugene, and prayers to the entire family.*

Dean Becher - November 23, 2025 at 11:24 AM

DI

Thanks Dean

Diann - November 26, 2025 at 04:56 PM

MS

“ Besides all of the horrendous accidents that Eugene endured, his incredible recoveries against all odds through sheer will-power and determination, and the relentless pain he suffered all of his life without complaint, I remember how much he loved his 2 beautiful daughters. When he was in Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis recovering from his life-threatening combine accident, Eugene talked often about how much he loved his daughters. He was so proud of them and getting to be their father. He wanted to continue to be a part of their lives. He fought hard to live and to recover, so he could get out of that hospital and be with his family. I remember him talking about his love of farming and nature. He said that the woods was like a Church to him and that he would often go there to pray.

He loved his family dearly, his home town of Celestine, and all of his hometown buddies. He also loved animals, especially dogs, and they loyally loved him back. He was very proud of being a volunteer fireman. He liked to help his friends and neighbors and was always generous with his time, his farm equipment, and his expertise in helping others.

He was a huge life-force and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

I am thankful that he is now finally free of all the pain he suffered all of his life and is now with his dear ones who have gone before him. I see him with a big smile, the ready joke and prank, teasing and having a fun and relaxed, free-of-pain time, in the afterlife.

May God bless his huge beautiful, loving, and very accomplished family through this sorrowful time. May Eugene, my dear brother-in-law, rest in the peace of the Lord.

In sympathy, Mary Ann Schipp-Martin

Mary Ann Schipp-Martin - November 22, 2025 at 05:21 PM

DI

Thanks Mary Ann

Diann - November 26, 2025 at 04:54 PM

PH

“ Yvonne & the entire family, our sympathies, thoughts & prayers. Will miss seeing your Dad out and about. Enjoyed talking to him from time to time..

Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig

Paul Habig - November 22, 2025 at 12:46 PM

BK

Diann and Yvonne, I'm sorry to hear of your Dads passing/ Prayers for all oy you.

Betty Koch

Betty Koch - November 22, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DI

Thanks Betty

Diann - November 25, 2025 at 09:37 PM

DI

Thanks Paul

Diann - November 26, 2025 at 04:54 PM