



Mr. James Francis Burke

August 10, 1965 - April 30, 2020

James Francis Burke

Beloved Son and Brother

NASHUA, NH -- James Francis Burke, (1965-2020), passed away on April 30, 2020 in Nashua, NH. An ardent and lifelong opponent of communist terror, he grew up in a family led by a career Navy man serving on ballistic missile carrying subs, including involvement in the Cuban Missile Crisis, and a mother who had worked at Bells Labs on the Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system. He worked at the defense policy think tank Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis. (IFPA) from 1988-1990. He was a published authority on the intelligence history of events in Eastern Europe in 1989-1991 and the “capital markets intelligence” industry, including articles in Intelligence & National Security (including the widely cited work “Romanian and Soviet Intelligence in the December Revolution”), the International Journal of Intelligence & Counter-Intelligence, and World Affairs. James met with active dissidents inside the Soviet empire in 1986 (Latvia), was briefly interrogated by the KGB in Leningrad, and later drafted an influential article while at IFPA on U.S. policy options for promoting the independence of the Baltics. In college he also played a key role in a protest that sparked a movement that led to the rolling back of a leftist totalitarian “speech code” at Tufts University (a movement he was later informed had helped inspire the founders of FIRE [thefire.org]).

James also drafted briefs for the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court for his brother in John B. Burke v. United States against the efforts of the DoJ in 2001-2005 to fabricate a range of precedents to nullify a wide range of 4th, 5th and 6th amendment protections- and establish the first formal thought crime prosecution by broadening applicability of the Hobbs Act to not require an overt act. It was a highly politicized case due to his brother's "right-wing" thought and purported associations.

A graduate of Portsmouth Abbey School, Tufts University, and the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, he later played a key role in the development of the "capital markets intelligence" industry, including work as the Director of Research at Thomson Financial's CDA/Equity Intelligence unit and later as VP- Research at the American Stock Transfer & Trust Company's AST Fund Solutions business. He also worked in 1999-2001 as part of the management team (Dir. Strategy) of the American Management Association- advancing what James believed is the superiority of the "American Way of Business." His late mother was Maura Ann Burke (of New York, NY) while his father was Franklyn E. Burke III (of New York, NY). He is survived by his brother John Brian Burke.

A private graveside service and burial will take place at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Lowell, MA.

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Cemetery Details

A Private Burial Will Take Place With The Family

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Jim, I can't believe I just found this page. I was looking for you to reconnect. Reading of all your accomplishments, I am not surprised. Even as kids, I knew you were intelligent, curious, and a true patriot. I'm so saddened by your passing. Rest in peace, cousin.

Sharif Shama - November 01, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ Mr. James Francis Burke

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM

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John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:17 PM

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Our grandfather and father. Newport, Mass. Grandpa was also Navy. WWII.

John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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This was a photo Jim had on in his room,very symbolic.It was centered such that he saw it every day and night.

John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:16 PM

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John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:13 PM

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Our grandparents on fathers side.

John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JB

This was our father.submariner since the 1950's.diesel subs then the very first nuclear subs,and later SSN and SSBN subs fighting the communist threats to our family,country,and civilization.

John burke - June 04, 2020 at 07:12 PM

JB

“ *I want to thank all of you who have been such a meaningful part of my brothers life.His school years and his work years and his friends,and of course all our relatives.I also thank all of you who have sent condolences and all your kind words and posts.His life touched so many,in profoundly important ways with the work he has done throughout his life,much of it unknown.And as with all our lives the threads of meaning connect us all and with Jim,he was truly the kindest and most compassionate man I have ever known and ask that you all always remember him in your hearts and teach of his life's example of reverence for God,family,tradition,moral courage ,character,and strength through so much that life today forces upon us who hold onto the truly good and noble traditions of our country,America,and our Western civilization.As Jim believed and our whole family,God is real and created all,and it is certain Jim is home with our mother and grandmother and our fathers and mothers back in time.We will see him again.We will.He is smiling upon us all.God bless all of you.*

John burke - May 29, 2020 at 08:12 PM

FI

Sorry for your loss.

Fiona - September 10, 2022 at 10:28 AM

WS

“ We were in several high school math classes together. We shared the NYer attitude. We were also both spring baseball pitchers. He was Varsity (I wasn't). That says it all. He was unassuming, quiet, well liked, respected. Jamacles. Burkey. We'll miss you. Take care, Winston Smith PAS1983

Winston Smith - May 22, 2020 at 04:36 PM

JC

“ Since graduation from the Abbey, Jim had been in sporadic contact. Just as he had been in school, Jim was always finely tuned to the big picture. He spoke with meaningful input and good humor when appropriate, but ignored frivolity. Jim shared what information he could to help friends make smart social and economic decisions. Years in advance, Jim correctly predicted the economic meltdown in 2007/08, and the following divisions in our society, as evidenced by his submission to the UPDATED Gregorian yearbook for our 20th Reunion. Jim never failed to express his excitement for golf outings, in Portsmouth or anywhere, which was when his friendly smile seemed to be at it's widest.
I appreciate all those things about Jim, now more than ever. I am glad to have called him a friend. Please accept my sincere condolences on his passing.
John Cummings, PAS '83

John Cummings - May 20, 2020 at 01:42 PM

MR

“ Sad news. We were classmates at the Abbey, where he was well known as a quiet, thoughtful and decent young man. My sincerest condolences to his family... Murray Robinson '83

murray robinson - May 20, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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John burke - May 20, 2020 at 01:01 AM

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John burke - May 20, 2020 at 12:16 AM

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John burke - May 19, 2020 at 11:46 PM

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John burke - May 19, 2020 at 12:16 PM

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“ John Burke sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Francis Burke



John burke - May 19, 2020 at 12:49 AM

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“ John Burke lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Francis Burke



John burke - May 19, 2020 at 12:47 AM

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John burke - May 19, 2020 at 12:32 AM

MT

“ One very strong and important character that defines Jim is his love and care of family. I have many memories of sharing times with Jim, his mother, Maura and his grandmother, Helen. He always made sure all three could enjoy getting together with family and friends. What laughter and fun!

Marie Peters Thibeault - May 11, 2020 at 07:05 PM

SL

I have great memories of Jim, me and my love his brother John had some fun times going out to eat and doing some occasional bowling, in which we had some good laughs while doing that! Most of all Jim was very excited about his niece that is going to be born in August of this year, he was very much looking forward to her arrival. He is and would of been a great uncle!! He will never be forgotten and will always be loved by many!! ❤️ (Sara Lecuyer)

Sara Lecuyer - May 12, 2020 at 10:39 PM