



Robert G. Burnquist

February 16, 1946 - March 2, 2021

Robert G. Burnquist, 75, of Pingree Grove, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin.

He was born February 16, 1946, in Chicago the son of Clayde and Hazel (Wilcox) Burnquist. He was a proud Army Veteran of the Vietnam war serving from 1964 to 1967. Robert worked as an engineer for many years at the Chicago Athletic Association. "Whale", as his friends knew him, loved softball and was the proudest to have played for Murders Row and The Playboys. He also loved fishing with his family and friends who he loved spending time with and always would ask "Where's the Cake?" He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Suzan; children, Yvonne (Abba) Sorby, Bobbi Burnquist, Kevin (Renee) Burnquist; grandchildren, Billy (Brianna), Kaitlyn, Olivia, Cory, Baily, C.J. (Alex), Josh, and Jake; and great-granddaughter, Sophie.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clyde, Ronald, and Earl; and sister, Mary.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 7 from 1 to 4 PM at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St., Huntley with Military Honors at 4 PM.

Masks and Social distancing will be required.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
11603 E. Main PO Box 74
Huntley, IL 60142
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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert G. Burnquist*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your lost, "Whale rest in peace. I will miss you very much & hit a long one up there for me. Boots & Mitzi Kass.*

Clarence Kass - March 08, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ *We were very saddened to hear about the passing of "Whale." We wish comfort and peace for friends and family as they get through this difficult time.*

Tim, Katie and family

Tim Donahugh - March 08, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Bye Whale, rest in peace we will miss you*

Danny sr. - March 07, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ *I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF BOB. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE GIFT HE MADE HAPPEN FOR ME. RIP "WHALE" MY ONCE UPON A TIME BROTHER IN LAW.*

LYNN J DZIKI - March 06, 2021 at 06:16 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss - may your wonderful memories together get you through this sad time - Sending love and hugs, Erik & Lisa Ruud and Family

Lisa Ruud - March 06, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert G. Burnquist.



March 06, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Didn't know Robert, but he shares the same name of my dad, I know he must have been wonderful by meeting Kevin. His ways, mannerisms, life teachings will live on in Kevin and Renee and his grandkids, a piece always lives on. We are always here to support you. Love Rich and Doreen Taylor

Doreen Lynn - March 06, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert G. Burnquist.



March 05, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert G. Burnquist.*



March 05, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ *Judy And Gene Triano lit a candle in memory of Robert G. Burnquist*



Judy and Gene Triano - March 05, 2021 at 07:43 AM



Suzan, we are so sorry for you and your families loss. We couldn't have asked for a nicer neighbor. May he Rest In Peace. If you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Judy and Gene Triano - March 05, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *Rest in Piece "Big Guy". You were one of the best Power Hitters in the game. Norby Lewandowski (Flames) HOF*

Norby Lewandowski - March 04, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *Shared the time of my life back in the mid 70's playing softball with Whale all over the City of Chicago! Seems like yesterday sometimes. Great memories, camaraderie, competition and probably too much drinking! RIP Whale! Say hey to Timmy!*

Art McManus - March 04, 2021 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Chris, Laurie, Elizabeth, Shelly and Pat purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert G. Burnquist.*



Chris, Laurie, Elizabeth, Shelly and Pat - March 04, 2021 at 01:01 PM