



## Harold W. Burbank, Sr.

December 27, 1930 - August 14, 2006

Harold W. "Pete" Burbank, Sr., age 75, of Murphysboro, passed away at his residence in Murphysboro at 12:20 p.m. Monday, August 14, 2006.

Harold was born on December 27, 1930, in Murphysboro, to Harold G. Burbank and Nivula Lynn Burbank. His father later married Lucille Martin, who raised him.

He was a Korean U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Burbank was an electrician and he was a member of the machinist union. He worked for twenty one years at Container Corporation of America in Chicago. When they were bought out he worked for Hammond Packing for about a year and then worked for Uarco Printing in Chicago for about twelve years. After he retired, he worked for the Veteran's Administration in Chicago for eight years.

He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, a life member and past commander of the O'Donnell Eddy Floss American Legion Post # 714 in Chicago. He was a life member, Junior Vice Commander, and Trustee of the V.F.W. Post # 7190 in Murphysboro and he also worked there after his retirement.

Pete married Margaret "Peggy" Pfeffer on November 7, 1953, in Chicago, and she survives.

Other survivors include eight children Edward Wayne Burbank of Evergreen Park, IL, John Gilbert Burbank and his wife Katie Burbank of Morris, IL, Kathleen Ann Perry and her husband Robert Perry of New Lenox, IL, Harold Wayne Burbank, Jr. and his wife Karen Burbank of Oak Forest, IL, Daniel Joseph Burbank of Oak Lawn, IL, Margaret Virginia Mitchell of Morris, IL, Thomas Allan Burbank and his wife Kathy Burbank of New Lenox, and Nancy Lynn Ellis and her husband Rick Ellis of Anna;

seventeen grandchildren Ryan Marie, Katherine, John, Peter, Anna, Cheryl, Jennifer, Tara, Matthew, Brian, Ashley, Danny Brittany, Thomas, Jr., Nicholas, Shawn, and McKenzie;

one great granddaughter Riley Kathleen;

two brothers Robert Martin and his wife Marilyn Martin of Murphysboro, and Joseph Martin of Chicago;

five sisters Nancy Randall of Hartford, CA, Judy James of Herrin, Sharon Pierson of Carterville, Sandy Lee of Jackson, MO, and Janie Peters of Murphysboro.

Besides his parents and step mother, he was preceded in death by one brother Gary Martin.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold W. Burbank, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I really don't have the words. But, to the Burbank family, please know that I am sorry for your loss and the memories I will carry of Mr. Burbank, as a kid fishing in Murphysboro, sleeping on the floor with a symphony of snores with Mr. Burbank as the Conductor. Blacktopping the roof of the house in Hickory Hills (man, was it hot up there), the "Tomato Incident" at John's bachelor party (too funny, propriety prevents me from elaborating), Thanksgiving visits, interesting times at "The Post" (listening to him and his good friend Mr. Makinerny), and others too numerous to go into here, are all good ones. I really liked him, and always liked being around him. Mr. Burbank was an honest man, you always knew where you stood with him. He was a good friend to my family. He often sacrificed his time to help my Dad with some project.*

*I apologize for being unable to attend the services, and these words feel extremely inadequate, I just want you to know that the Scheide family holds Mr. Burbank and the Burbank family in high regard.*

*It's true that in recent times the opportunity to meet have been too few, but I believe that true friendship is not diminished by time and distance. I, we, will keep him, and you, in our prayers and memories.*

*Bobby Scheide*

**Bobby Scheide** - August 17, 2006 at 12:05 AM

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*Bobby Scheide*

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**Bobby Scheide** - August 16, 2006 at 11:39 PM

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“ To the Burbank family I want to express my very deepest condolences on the death of Pete. Growing up as close to your family as we were still brings back many happy memories, and Pete was always in the middle of them. I always knew I could count on Pete for support, kind words and always, always, a lot of laughs. I treasure the visit I made with my dad a few years ago, and regret that we didn't do it again. Pete was a very special man for many reasons, and I will always remember, cherish and love him.

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**Betty (Scheide) Ruswick** - August 16, 2006 at 12:12 PM