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Donald C. Burke, Sr.

Born: Tue., Dec. 20, 1932

Died: Tue., Dec. 23, 2014

Funeral Service

Location: - Not available -

Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sat., Dec. 27, 2014

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Donald "Slugger" Burke passed away early Tuesday morning Dec 23 at the age of 82.



Donald was born on Dec 20th 1932 in Salem, Mass to Thomas and Mary Burke.

He graduated from Ipswich High school and went on to attend Springfield College, before entering the Army. He married the former Joyce Stillson on December 8th 1957. They were married for 26 years until her death in 1983. On August 17th

1986 he married Barbara Knowles.

Besides his family, Don's passion was baseball. He played professional baseball for the LA Dodgers organization in the late 50's. Donald and his brothers were very involved in the inter-town twilight league. Donald played and coached the Ipswich Chiefs, and is a member of the ITL hall of fame.

He was a Materials manager at Sanders Associates in Nashua, NH and later worked at Analogic in Danvers, MA.

In addition to his wife Barbara, Don is survived by his two sons Donald Burke Jr. and his wife Chris of Rowley Mass, Steve and his wife Veronica of Barre, VT, daughter Pam Burke of Brattleboro VT, daughter Heather Burke of Rowley, and step-daughter Dawn Spencer of Portland Maine. He had five grandchildren, Aaron, Dylan, Austin, Tori Burke, and Alice along with two

great grandchildren, Aeva and Kennady Madden and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2014, 4-7 PM in the F.S. Roberts and Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley. Funeral services and burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472.



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