



## Donald Robert Burke II

July 21, 1964 - November 19, 2016

Don Burke II, age 52, passed away suddenly at his home in Marietta, GA, on Saturday, November 19. Don was born in Dayton, Ohio, and lived most of his formative years there, graduating from Centerville High School in 1984. He served honorably in the U.S. Army for 11 years including a number of years stationed in Germany. He relocated to the Atlanta area after his military service and spent the next 20 years working in the restaurant industry where he became well-known and well-respected in his chosen field.

Don is survived by his wife, Barri and their daughter, Alex; his daughter, Bianca and son, Patrick both of Munich, Germany; his parents, Don of Dayton, Ohio, and Eloise of Boynton Beach, Florida; his step-mother, Carol Burke of Dayton; his brothers, Matthew of NYC and Ryan of Marietta; his sister-in-law, Stephanie and nieces, Lauren and Sara of Marietta; and his former wife, Gudrun of Munich, Germany.

Two years ago, his family helped Don celebrate his 50th birthday with a family cruise to the Bahamas. In connection with that happy occasion, we listed "The 50 Things We Love About Don." There are too many to list here and too few to fully describe the man, but the first one says it all: The needs of others always came before his own. He loved his family most of all and did all he could to care for and protect them. Don's second love was the kitchen, and cooking for friends and family was his most enjoyable activity. He hosted many memorable holiday dinners and summer cookouts and regaled all with "long-winded" stories and jokes. No one ever left Don's kitchen or deck hungry or unentertained!

Don will be remembered for his contagious laugh and his never-ending generosity.

A Graveside Service will be held at 12 noon on Friday at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

Contributions in loving memory of Don can be made at [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com) (search Barri Burke).

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta is handling the arrangements.

[www.mayeswarddobbins.com](http://www.mayeswarddobbins.com)

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# Cemetery

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## **Georgia National Cemetery**

2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane

Canton, GA, 30114

# Comments

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“ Donald will be missed by many. My prayers are with his family. God will heal those with a broken heart and give you strength doing this most difficult time. (Psalm 34:18)

Lori K - November 26, 2016 at 08:01 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Burke II.



November 23, 2016 at 08:25 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Burke II.



November 22, 2016 at 06:33 PM