



## Dr. Edward Bland Burke, Jr.

January 27, 1931 - February 13, 2022

Dr. Edward Bland Burke, Jr., 91, of Lubbock, Texas went home to Jesus on February 13, 2022.

Dr. Burke was born January 27, 1931 in Hobart, OK to Edward Burke, Sr. and Reba Howard Burke. He graduated from Hobbs High School, Oklahoma University and the University of Colorado Medical School.

Edward was married to Mary Ellen Smith of Boulder, CO for 65 years.

He was a pediatrician in his hometown of Hobbs, New Mexico for 37 years where he served on the school board, the CARE unit, as a county and state public health officer of New Mexico and deacon of his church.

He is survived by his wife Mary of their home, his brother Bill of Kobe, Japan, his sister Linda Humble of Lubbock, his children, Rebecca and Claiborne Harrison of Lubbock, Charles and Carole Burke of Colorado Springs, CO, John and Dede Burke of Edmond, OK and Deborah Zachary of Lubbock, 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Dr. Burke had a great memory for poems and songs. He loved music and enjoyed playing in the band and singing in the choir. He loved yard work and was an inventor at heart. He collected clocks of all kinds. He was dearly loved by his family and community. His joyful presence surely will be missed. He lived his 91 years to the fullest and was a real blessing to so many.

A Memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 21, 2022 at the First Baptist Church-Ford Memorial Chapel in Lubbock.



# Cemetery Details

## Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford Memorial Chapel-First Baptist Church  
2201 Broadway Avenue  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall

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“ Before my family, Edith and LaRoy Knott, and son, David Knott moved from Hobbs to Tulsa in 1988, I was chairman for the Hobbs Special Olympics team. I asked Dr. Burke if he would do the physicals for 20 contestants. for New Mexico State games. He said "Sure!, "The problem is that I am not going to pay you! " I said and Dr. Burke just laughed.. He diagnosed one child as having sickle cell anemia. A trip to Albuquerque could have been fatal to her because of the high altitude.

My older daughter worked as a Candy Striper in the Lea County General Hospital and was complaining about something. Dr. Burked told her a story about a little bird which was knocked from a tree, falling stunned to the ground. A horse came by and pooped on the bird which revived him so he flew away. "Now", Dr. Burke said " this story has 2 morals, "Everyone who hurts you is not your enemy, everyone who helps you is not your friend, and ,if you find yourself warm and happy, keep your mouth shut!" .

Dr. Burke knew teens and was loved by all the children he treated and their parents.

Thank you, Dr. Burke!

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**Edith R. Knott** - February 20, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward Bland Burke, Jr..



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February 18, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward Bland Burke, Jr..*



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February 17, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward Bland Burke, Jr..*



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February 15, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward Bland Burke, Jr..*



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February 15, 2022 at 08:29 PM