



## Gordon Paul Burke

December 4, 1944 - August 19, 2024

Gordon P Burke (Topper) passed away peacefully at his home in Ft. Collins, CO on August 19, 2024. Topper was born on December 4, 1944, in Massachusetts. Topper served his country in the United States Air Force and worked as a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad for over 30 years. Topper was a friend to all, always had a story to tell, was generous, had a heart of gold and loved his country! He is survived by his wife (Bride), Beverly Nordstrom Burke, daughter Debbie Niedergerke, son-in-law Thom, Grandchildren Mikel and Johan of Denver, CO and many other cherished family members and friends.

A private interment with military honors was held on August 29, 2024, at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO.

Celebration of Topper's Life will be held on September 6, 2024, 1pm – 5pm at the VFW Post 1781, 602 Lesser Drive, Ft. Collins.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to K9's For Warriors – [k9sforwarriors.org](http://k9sforwarriors.org)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

VFW

603 Lesser Dr.

Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in Peace my friend.*

Ernie Mascarenas - September 06, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gordon Paul Burke.*



September 05, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *It was my honor to be Topper's caregiver for the last 1 1/2 years. I will miss him. He was one of a kind!*

Helper (Debbie) - September 05, 2024 at 11:09 AM



*He was good to work with - had a sense of adventure and some good stories . Like coming down the hill in a snow storm stopping for the red light and continuing until we found the train in front of us . All the while dragging a mile and haft train behind us . R I P*

Lance Harrington - September 05, 2024 at 10:13 PM



*Dearest Beav, I am so sorry for Your Loss. May memories comfort you. Peace & Love to You*

*Colleen*

Colleen Cera - September 09, 2024 at 03:42 PM

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*Topper - what a man! We were very fortunate to have him caring for the landscape on individual properties here in Terry Shores. He was always upbeat and trying to improve things. He even came to our volunteer neighborhood workdays and did the heavy lifting projects. What a heart!*

*He was humbly but politely proud of his military time - thank you for your service Topper!! When a Veteran neighbor here passed away Topper trimmed all the bushes along the road and put up American flags to honor him - how respectfully kind! And Topper always spoke very highly of his wonderful BRIDE - peace be with you Beverly! He fought an incredible fight against the aging battle as others would unfortunately fall away. Now that your time has come, we wish you peace and rest, my dear friend.*

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**rosemary van gorder** - September 09, 2024 at 10:03 PM

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*Jim and Rosemary Van Gorder*

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**rosemary van gorder** - September 09, 2024 at 10:07 PM