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Obituary for Burke Joseph Landry

Burke Joseph Landry, the last remaining World War II veteran in Madison County, TX; passed away on Friday, March 14, 2025 in Madisonville, TX with his great granddaughter, Megan McBride and his daughter, Glenda (Landry) Collard, by his side. He was 97 years old. Burke's memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church which is located at 100 South Tammye Lane in Madisonville. The rosary will begin at 10AM, with the visitation beginning at 10:30AM, and the funeral mass beginning at 11:00AM. His cremains will be interred with his precious wife of 77 years, Lena Lou, in the columbarium at the church, with a meal to follow. Burke was born in Marrero, LA on July 8, 1927 to A. J. Landry and Anita Marie (Barrios) Landry and moved to Texas when he was a small child. Burke graduated from Pasadena High School in Pasadena, TX in 1944 and immediately entered the Navy. After bootcamp, he was assigned to the aircraft carrier, USS Intrepid, and served as a plane captain. While on the Intrepid, eight kamikazes (Japanese suicide planes) hit the ship. He served from 1944 to 1946. Burke and Lena eloped while he was on leave on May 27, 1945 and they eventually made their home in Huntsville, Walker County, TX. Burke decided to go to Sam Houston State University at the age of 35 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology, a master's degree in biology, and later earned his principal's certificate. He taught at Kilgore Junior College, North Harris County Junior College, and then was employed by the Wyndham School District, first as a teacher and retired as principal.

Burke became a deacon in the Catholic Church in May of 1984 and served for 40 years, first in the Houston-Galveston Diocese and then in the Tyler Diocese. He was a devout Catholic and serving the church was his life. He was a devoted family man.

Burke was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Hazel Pigg; his wife, Lena Lou (Coolidge)



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Landry; his son, Vic Landry; his daughter, Beth Landry; his son-in-law, Eddie Collard; and his grandson, Josh Collard.

Survivors include his daughter, Glenda (Landry) Collard; his daughter-in-law, Elaine Landry; his grandchildren, Renelle Berger, Rene' McBride (Jeff), and Brad Collard; and a host of great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and numerous grandchildren by choice. Also surviving is Tim Peterson who was like a second son to Burke.

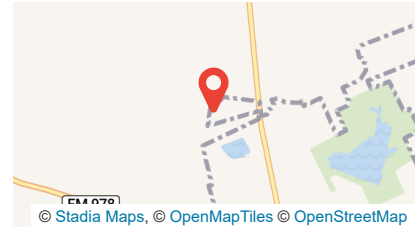
In lieu of flowers, donations made be made to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Building Fund (100 S Tammye; Madisonville, TX 77864 or to The Madison County Veteran's Service Office (101 W Main; Madisonville, TX 77864).

Upcoming Events

Rosary

MAY **24.** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
100 S Tammye Ln
Madisonville, TX 77864

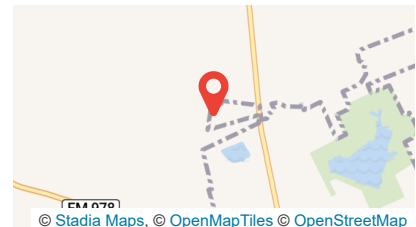


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Visitation

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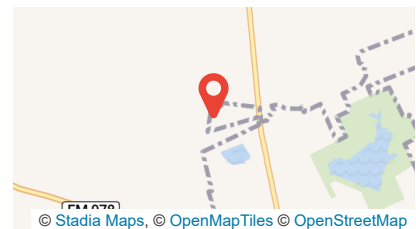


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Mass

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