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He served in the U. S. Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II, and was a 19-year member of the Air Force Reserves, retiring as a major.

He married Margaret Regan June 7, 1944, at Independence.

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He was a member of The United School Administrators of Topeka, the Oswego Knights of Columbus, Oswego Public Library Building Committee, the Mother of God Catholic Church of Oswego and was past president of the Kansas High School Activities Association Executive Board.

Survivors include his wife of the home; seven sons, Thomas Burke of Kansas City, Mo., Michael Burke of Yelm, Wash., James Burke of LaCygne, Daniel Burke of Hotchkiss, Colo., Timothy Burke of El Dorado, John Burke of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Dennis Burke of Riverton; two daughters, Vicki Hopkins of Yelm, Wash., and Mary Aspenson of Wichita; 16 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter and a brother.

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