



Robert E. Dougherty

August 22, 1944 - January 31, 2026

Robert Ernest Dougherty, age 81, of Rimersburg, passed away peacefully early Saturday morning, January 31, 2026 in the comfort of his own home following a lengthy illness.

He was born on August 22, 1944 in Hawthorn, one of five children to the late Vincent Robert and Anna Irene Bowersox Dougherty.

Robert married the former Janet Lynn Guntrum on October 2, 1998, who survives. They spent twenty-seven wonderful years together.

He had a strong work ethic, working as a coal miner for numerous years until he became self-employed. Robert was a member of the Saint Richard Catholic Church in Rimersburg and a proud member of the NRA. He was a fierce patriot who was devoted and dedicated to his country and his family. Robert enjoyed hunting, listening to music, especially old country, and was a enthusiast of classic cars.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind his five children, DeeDee Smail and her husband, Bruce, Steve Dougherty and his fiancé, Rhonda Twigg, Dyan DeBacco and her husband, Paul, Stephanie Corle and her husband, Blake, and Samantha Altman and her husband, Brian; twelve grandchildren, Kara and her husband, Mat, Mitch, Alex and his wife, Michele, Casey, Leah and her husband, AJ, Maggie and her husband, Cameron, Skyler, Blake, Randi, Wyatt, Finley, and Ryleigh; and seven great-grandchildren, Trenton, Madisyn, Elliott, Emery, Evelyn, Sidni, and Isaac; and dog, Zoe.

Robert also leaves behind his three siblings, Marjorie Shirey, Vincent G.

Dougherty and his wife, Liz, and Roxy Randolph and her husband, Ord, and four sisters-in-law, Karen Chapman and her husband, Dan, Lori Myers, Vicki Kriebel and her husband, Patrick, and Kelly Mong and her husband, Dave; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, John Hesidence, Jr.; his brother, Richard Dougherty, and sister-in-law, Jonni Dougherty; five brothers-in-law, Allen Shirey, Slugger Guntrum, Brade Guntrum, Randy Guntrum, and Dennis "Doc" Myers; and his beloved dog, Jake.

Family and friends will be received from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at the Burns Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc. in Rimersburg.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026 in the funeral home with Robert's son-in-law, Pastor Paul DeBacco, presiding. Cremation care has been entrusted to the RV Burns Crematorium, Inc.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc.
434 Main Street
Rimersburg, PA 16248
(814) 473-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Viewing

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc.
434 Main Street
Rimersburg, PA 16248
(814) 473-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc.
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Tribute Wall



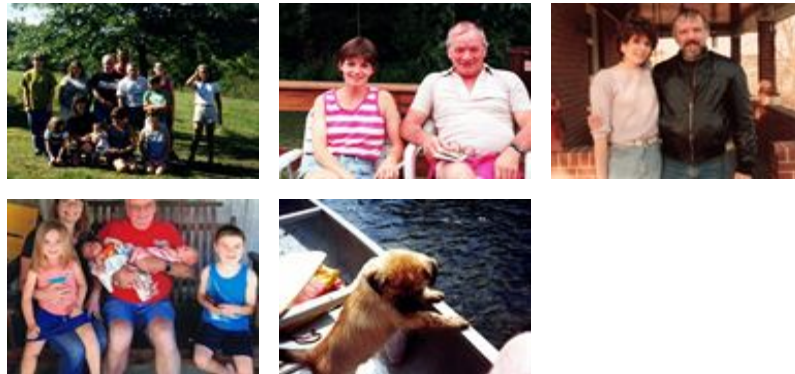
“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert E. Dougherty



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - February 03 at 09:37 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - February 03 at 09:32 PM

CD

“ Rob always had a smile and a laugh for you. Even when he got worked up about something it was with humor and a twinkle in his eyes. We'll miss you cousin.

Chip Dougherty - February 03 at 07:19 PM

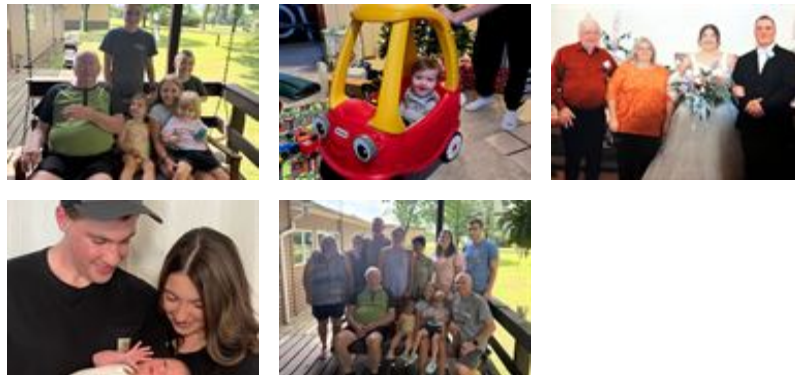
JS

“ Janet and Family,
We wish to express our sincerest condolences to all of you. We were saddened to hear of Rob's passing. We have many fond memories of our wonderful cousin. He was like a big brother to us with his kind and loving personality. We aren't able to attend the services, but know our hearts, love and prayers are with you. God bless your families 🙏❤️
The Reynolds Family

Julia Spong - February 03 at 06:57 PM



“ 6 files added to the album LifeTributes



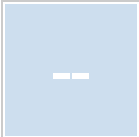
Robert V Burns Funeral Home - February 03 at 12:39 PM

NK

“ Nancy and Michael Kettering purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Robert E. Dougherty.



Nancy and Michael Kettering - February 03 at 11:57 AM



“ -- purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert E. Dougherty.



-- - February 03 at 10:52 AM



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - February 02 at 01:48 PM



“ Sisters and families! purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Robert E. Dougherty.



Sisters and families! - February 02 at 01:12 PM

BJ

“ *Butch,Debbie, John,Jeff,Lisa and Joe purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Dougherty.*



Butch,Debbie, John,Jeff,Lisa and Joe - February 02 at 12:39 PM

RF

“ *Russell W. & Flora Bell Huffman Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Dougherty.*



Russell W. & Flora Bell Huffman Family - February 02 at 10:27 AM

DF

“ *David Squires and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert E. Dougherty.*



David Squires and family - February 01 at 08:07 PM

SF

“ *Susie Goodyear & Mark Harper and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Dougherty.*



Susie Goodyear & Mark Harper and Family - February 01 at 05:09 PM