



## Volcho Petkov

August 28, 1933 - September 9, 2025

Volcho Petkov, 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 in Park Ridge, IL, surrounded by family. Volcho was born August 28, 1933, in Kula, Bulgaria to Yoncho Petkov and Mika Petkova. He enjoyed a childhood on his family's farm where he spent time with his older sisters, his grandparents, and his father.

At 16 years old, Volcho fled on foot to Yugoslavia as a political refugee. Through months of hardship and hard work, he was able to finish secondary school. From there, he was brought to Italy by the United Nations, where he went to trade school and earned his certification as a First Class Auto-Mechanic. In 1954, he immigrated to Chile, where he found success as a teacher in a mechanic school in the capital.

In 1960, while living in Santiago, Volcho met the love of his life, Clara. In 1964, they courageously left Chile to begin a new life together in the United States, in pursuit of the American dream. They were married that same year.

Volcho and Clara raised their children, Milka Petkov and Ivan Petkov, in the West Ridge neighborhood of Chicago. Volcho supported his family by working for the Automobile Mechanics Union for many dealerships across the Chicagoland area. The family later moved to Niles in 1983, and have been residents ever since.

Volcho always said that there are 3 things that can never be taken away from you: your name, your religion, and your education. He built his family on these principles, and always had a piece of wisdom to share with his children and grandchildren about life, politics, education, and especially cars. Volcho was dedicated to building a better life for his family, and encouraged his children and grandchildren to pursue the highest possible education. Inspired by Volcho, his grandchildren promise to remain curious, pursue hard work with integrity, and never lose sight of what they truly believe in.

Surviving Volcho is his wife of 61 years, Clara Petkov; his 2 children, Milka (John) Kyle and Ivan (Christine) Petkov, and his 6 grandchildren, Elizabeth Kyle, Maria (fiancée Mason Meredith) Kyle, Emma Kyle, Isabel Petkov, Claire Petkov and Anna Petkov. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Ivanka and Jonka.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Funeral services and interment will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Sava Monastery and Cemetery in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Pomen Service

SEP **18.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

SEP **19.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Monastery & Cemetery  
32377 Milwaukee Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Coleen & Gerry Callahan & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Volcho Petkov.* ”



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**Coleen & Gerry Callahan & Family** - September 18, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Volcho Petkov.* ”



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September 18, 2025 at 01:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Volcho Petkov.* ”

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September 18, 2025 at 01:16 AM

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“ *The Maureen Orlando Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Volcho Petkov.* ”

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**The Maureen Orlando Family** - September 17, 2025 at 10:19 PM

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“ The Maureen Orlando Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Volcho Petkov.



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**The Maureen Orlando Family** - September 17, 2025 at 10:19 PM

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“ Dave Siden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Volcho Petkov.

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**Dave Siden** - September 17, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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“ Dave Siden purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Volcho Petkov.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Volcho Petkov.

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September 17, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Volcho Petkov.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Volcho Petkov.



September 16, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Volcho Petkov.

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“ The Freylack's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Volcho Petkov.

**The Freylack's** - September 15, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ The Freylack's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Volcho Petkov.



**The Freylack's** - September 15, 2025 at 06:41 PM