



## Allen E. Hacker

May 29, 1954 - January 19, 2024

Allen E. Hacker, 69, of Bloomington, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024 at the IU Hospice House in Bloomington, Indiana.

Allen, known to many as “Big Al”, was born in Monroe County, IN on May 29, 1954 to the late Wilford and Norma (Conder) Hacker. After graduating from Bloomington High School in 1972, he went on to marry the love of his life, Nancy L. Hacker, who he spent 46 wonderful years with until her passing in 2019. Allen worked for Cook Incorporated for 39 years until retiring. He was fortunate to have met several life-long friends while working for Cook, which he considered family. He loved playing pranks and joking with others and giving them a “hard time”, but all in good humor. He loved planting and working in his garden during the spring/summer. Growing and sharing his vegetables each season was a highlight for him, particularly tomatoes, which would be no less the 20 plants each year. He also enjoyed tinkering with everything from lawn equipment to electronics. Allen’s family and friends were the center of his life. He was a beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather and will be deeply missed.

Allen is survived by his children, Shanna Smith (Josh Smith), Josh Hacker; his sister, Diana Hawkins (Frank); grandchildren, Makaylee and Brayden Smith; sister-in-laws, Phyllis Solnzeff (Boris) and Judy Hart (Barry).

Allen was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy; his parents, Wilford and Norma Hacker.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Friday, January 26, 2024 at Allen

Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. With Rev. Danny Hillenburg officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm until 8:00pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024 and from 10:00am until service time Friday both at the Allen Funeral Home.

Allen's family would like to thank Southern Indiana Home Care and their staff for allowing him to live at home for as long as able. Also, they would like to thank IU Hospice House for their hospitality and support, not only to him, but also to his family.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 25.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401  
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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Allen and I were co-workers for several years. My earliest memories of our time with COOK spanned throughout several locations; beginning on Curry Pike. Allen manned the sterilizer baskets, loading and unloading the 2 small sterilizers in a tiny room with the coil threading machines next to sterilizers and the Mandril Tapering process behind closed doors.  
For all the long term “past” employees, we all remember the outstanding “Halloween False Face get up’s” which Allen modeled each year. He generally won one category as we all gathered on the back loading dock with Jackie Wikle, Phyllis McCullough and Mr. Cook enjoying each entry. All of the employees stood in the lot below the loading doors.  
RIP my Friend!

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**Marty Mathews** - January 26, 2024 at 07:43 PM

DH

“ Don Harding lit a candle in memory of Allen Hacker



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**Don Harding** - January 24, 2024 at 01:25 AM

AB

“ I have many memories with Allen spanning throughout our years at Cook. His kindness & passion remain with me! My thoughts go out to his family in the coming days!

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**April Bradley** - January 23, 2024 at 09:08 PM

DV

“ I worked with Allen at Cook, and won a 2-on-2 basketball tournament with him with/against some of our Cook colleagues. I am glad and grateful to have known him and worked with him. He was a good man.

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**Derek Voskuil** - January 23, 2024 at 11:29 AM