



David W. Burch

December 28, 1948 - April 25, 2025

David W. Burch, 76 of Bloomington, passed away Friday afternoon at University Hospital in Indianapolis surrounded by his family. He was born December 28, 1948 in Linton, Indiana to Wandley Burch and Ruby Alice Bartley Burch.

He was a graduate of Eastern Greene High School and obtained both his undergraduate and master's degrees in education from Indiana University. He returned to Eastern Greene School and spent his entire professional career teaching middle school and high school for over 40 years in both subjects of Science and Spanish. In addition to his teaching duties, he was also a track and cross-country starter for the IHSAA and spent 35+ years on the staff of Indiana University event services ushering various I.U. athletic events.

David and his wife of nearly 55 years, Patti, were longtime members of Solsberry Christian Church before moving their membership to Little Cincinnati Christian Church, closer to their home.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Patti Bryant Burch, their two daughters, Suella Burch, and Joanna Voors and Joanna's husband Jeff; grandchildren, Lennon Martin, Will Southwick, Maddy Voors, Ella Voors, Corrina Nordhoff, Ella Marie Nordhoff, brother-in-law, Garry Bryant, and nephews Matt Bryant and Kenny Bryant.

David was predeceased by his parents, two infant sons, Neal and Jeremy Burch, and his sister Rose Marie Burch.

David's funeral will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37. Visitation will be held on Monday afternoon and evening from 3 PM until 8:00 PM as well as from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Tuesday before the service also at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Solsberry Cemetery

Solsberry, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 3:00 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>

Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401
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Tribute Wall

NS

“ I grew up with David and we had many fine times together, even began playing golf in his "Cow Pasture" field....with very old Clubs. He was always willing to help you out. I am sad at his passing. My condolences to Patti and the family. I am sorry I was out of town, for the services, God Bless, Norman Sullivan

Norm Sullivan - May 09, 2025 at 05:45 PM

AM

“ David and Patti would always come thru Gate 13 at IU when i was working. They would always ask me how i am and if work was treating me well, im going to miss seeing David with her so much. Sending love and prayers to her and everyone else. ☐

Alexandra McCoy - May 09, 2025 at 09:21 AM

TB

“ When I taught in the original building at Eastern, David would come to my door and say, “Let me show you something!” He would then proceed with some cool demonstration which often involved an explosion of sorts! There were dents in my ceiling as evidence!! His enthusiasm for teaching was inspiring! My prayers are with you all!!

Teresa Butler - May 06, 2025 at 02:43 PM

ZA

“ Zack A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David W. Burch.

Zack A. - May 04, 2025 at 06:07 PM

RB

“ David was a friend and one of the kind hearted people. Loved working with him as a colleague and Track Official!

Randy Barrett - May 04, 2025 at 08:02 AM

DS

“ David was my cousin and growing up I had good times with him and his sister Rose Marie. I regret that we did not keep in touch as adults. I am glad to hear from the comments that he was a good man who was loved by many. Patti, I saw you and David in November and I wish we had more time to talk. God bless you and your family through this difficult time. My prayers are with you.

Donna Shields - May 03, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JU

“ James Uland lit a candle in memory of David Burch



James Uland - May 02, 2025 at 09:50 PM

O2

“ On Behalf of the Class of 2000 purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of David W. Burch.



On Behalf of the Class of 2000 - May 01, 2025 at 09:47 PM

O2

“ On Behalf of the Class of 2000 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David W. Burch.

On Behalf of the Class of 2000 - May 01, 2025 at 09:47 PM

LH

“ Linda Heffley lit a candle in memory of David Burch



Linda Heffley - April 30, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MH

“ So sad to hear this news. I had the pleasure of working with David for many years, starting in the late 90s, on an earthquake science program that brought research seismographs into schools across the region. David was one of our "master teachers" who worked with us on seismology research, helped us work with other teachers across the state, and spread the excitement of scientific research to generations of Eastern Greene students. He brought joy and wonder to our PEPP teacher workshops. Although it wasn't approved by our university's Risk Management office, his on-campus demonstration of the famous "potato bazooka"--and many other fun classroom science demonstrations--will never be forgotten! We will miss you, David! Our deep condolences to David's family, friends, and colleagues.

-- Michael Hamburger, Indiana University

Michael Hamburger - April 30, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ David was a super nice person and one of the people that talked to Steve a lot about coming to Cincinnati Church. Once we started attending there we knew it was the church for us. David always had a smile on his face and greeted everyone he could. Keeping Patti and the entire family in my prayers. RIP David.....Brenda Hanners

Brenda Hanners - April 29, 2025 at 07:23 PM

DM

“ Patti, Sue, and Joanna,

We were so saddened by the news of David's passing. He was a man of unmatched morality and kindness. He bestowed those things on me more times than I can count, and I am forever grateful for that. If there were ever an example needed of a top tier husband, father or grandfather, one need look no further. He was the perfect example of a kind, loving man. Strong in his faith and ethics. I will always appreciate all he did for Lennon, and the example he set for him. I witnessed his love for you all many many times, and it was always so natural. That love will be with you guys all your days. He was a blessing and will continue to be.

Our deepest condolences,

Dave, Brooke, Lily, and Jacob

David Martin - April 29, 2025 at 04:18 PM

AB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Fellow track and field official from the North Knox area.

Amy Boberg - April 29, 2025 at 11:08 AM

AJ

“ David and I were colleagues and friends. He actually saved my life once at lunch by using the Heimlich to keep me from choking. He dedicated his life to Eastern Greene and he was so appreciated. Positive thoughts to his family.

Arthur T Baechtold Jr - April 28, 2025 at 05:59 PM

HC

“ Class of 1998
Mr. Burch was my middle school Science teacher. I still remember when he would have us go outside, in pairs, and collect the weather data for the day. I am sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to Patti and his family.



Heidi (Fulk) Combs - April 28, 2025 at 04:45 PM

KW

“ David was an asset to the Eastern Greene Community. It didn't matter if it was as a teacher, colleague, coach, track starter, or friend, David always wanted the best for the people he encountered and the community he was a part of.

*As a student, David scared me when my class was rowdy.
As a colleague and friend, David taught me so many things about teaching science as well as so many other things.*

*His smile comes to mind often as I continue teaching at EGS.
He will be missed!*

Karen White

Karen White - April 28, 2025 at 02:46 PM

JS

“ *David Burch was a wonderful teacher and friend. He will truly be missed. Love and prayers for the family.* ”



Janice (Utterback) Stalcup - April 28, 2025 at 11:18 AM

TW

He kind and great teacher . Family will be in my prayers.

Teena Wright - April 28, 2025 at 12:51 PM

KL

My thoughts and prayers are with you Patti and family. Katrina Long

Katrina Long - April 28, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David W. Burch.* ”



April 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM

RF

“ *Roberts Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David W. Burch.* ”



Roberts Family - April 28, 2025 at 06:48 AM

LF

“ Class of 1991... Mr. Burch was one of my favorite teachers. He was also my basketball coach. He always expected you to do your best and was always there to help you do just that. In recent years I would see him at IU Basketball games and I would often make my way down to court level to say HI. He was a great teacher and an even better person. My thoughts are with his family.

Les Frye - April 28, 2025 at 06:44 AM

MM

“ David was a Classmate-Eastern High School Class of 1967. I recall David as one of the most intelligent students to walk the halls of Eastern back in our day. He was always with a smile and never failed to greet his classmates. I believe, at times, he taught the teachers when you know they may have been stumped for the answers they were looking for.

Condolences to the Families
RIP

Martha Whaley Mathews - April 27, 2025 at 09:04 PM

AG

“ My condolences to Dave's family. Sending prayers

Arnie Gardner - April 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David W. Burch.



April 27, 2025 at 06:03 PM



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

April 27, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ Rodney Martha Burch lit a candle in memory of David Burch



Rodney Martha Burch - April 27, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ David had a true passion for teaching Science - especially anything that ended with a bang! He brought joy to many students with his enthusiasm and took the time to encourage me as I joined the staff at Eastern Greene. He offered his time, materials, and introduced me to many opportunities within the profession. Well done, dear mentor, you certainly left your mark!

Dinah Fuller - April 27, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ I had Mr. Burch as my middle school science teacher. Science was my favorite subject and I always looked forward to the demonstrations he started each class with. He was a great teacher. I'm sorry for your loss.

Stephanie (Smith) Jacobs - April 27, 2025 at 04:35 PM

DJ

“ He was one of my teachers in school. I graduated in 1978. Always enjoyed his class and a nice guy. Sincerely, Deanna (Bland) Jewell.

Deanna (Bland) Jewell - April 27, 2025 at 04:23 PM

TV

David was a good mentor of all the young people at Eastern Greene where he taught and coached. I was privileged to coach with him and sometimes substitute teach his class. He is fondly remembered and will be greatly missed. Tommy Vincent

Tommy Vincent - April 28, 2025 at 08:34 AM