



## Frank W. "Buddy" Morris

October 7, 1955 - May 1, 2020

Frank W. "Buddy" Morris, 64, of Bloomington, Passed away Friday, May 1, 2020 at the IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington.

Buddy loved telling stories and making people laugh. He worked for many years at Indiana University. Presently he was employed at IVY Tech as a Fine Arts Adjunct Professor.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Dee Morris; his brother David (Judy) Morris; and his sister, Torey Morris.

There are no service scheduled at this time. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Friend may make memorial contributions to the Monroe County Public Library 303 E. Kirkwood Ave Bloomington, Indiana 47408.

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)

# Tribute Wall



“ I just heard of Buddy's passing from a friend on Thursday; we worked together for many years at Indiana University. Buddy was a kind and gentle man that will be missed by many people that he came to know over the years. Much too soon. God bless.

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**Jim Julovich** - August 16, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ I just heard about Buddy's passing. I met buddy several years ago after. I graduated from Ivy tech some years prior to meeting him and I had gone back to take few more classes and buddy was my teacher for a couple of them and immediately I knew I would learn a ton from him. He was so easy to listen to and I just really enjoyed talking to him. He was such a kind and gentle man. I've been a comedian for many years and he always said, "If you ever teach a comedy class, let me know!" Rest well Buddy. My deepest condolences to his family.

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**Jeff Bodart** - July 27, 2021 at 01:49 PM



*Buddy could do a good Jimmy Stewart impression*

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**jim mcdonald** - August 07, 2025 at 05:28 PM

RS

“ I just heard this morning that Buddy had died--I am retired and far out of the loop. I always found him to be one of the brightest and professionally generous people with whom I worked. He had an intellectual agility that permitted him to work at many disparate things and to do them astonishingly well. A gentle and warm soul. Today seems a little grayer and colder without knowing he is with us.....

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**Ray Smith** - December 15, 2020 at 01:07 PM

CS

“ There was a period of a few years that Buddy and I spent Saturday mornings together. He tutored me in new media. He and Dee would drive to Indy and he patiently taught me while she hit Trader Joe's. I looked forward to the visits. We came from different worlds and we got along well. We were an odd couple of friends and we shared lots of stories. I owe a lot to him for teaching me a bit of coding, movie making, website building and especially keeping me up on new apps, cameras, and Apple devices. We also talked movies and odd new fabrication tech (3D printing and laser cutting). He loved these automaton papercraft projects and I remember how tickled he was with a book filled with DIY toys that he could cut out and build. He and I shared that "little kid inside us" quality. Mr. Buddy (as my sons called him) was alright in my book, I'll miss him. RIP, Buddy...

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**Carlos Sosa** - May 20, 2020 at 09:00 PM

LD

“ Although I’ve known Buddy for a short time compared to most of his friends and coworkers, in me he has left an enduring memory of his kindness, generosity, creativity, and sense of humor. In composing lines of remembrances of Buddy here, I am reminded of Ravindranath Tagore’s line from “Stray Birds” ...

“The storm of the last night has crowned this morning with golden peace.” May the special memories Dee and the rest of us shared with Buddy, endure in our hearts and recalled in all things beautiful in nature and human kindness. May these memories serve to envelop us with peace and gratitude to have known him. He shall be missed.

With caring thoughts,  
Leila

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**Leila Dabbagh** - May 15, 2020 at 11:35 AM

“ I had the good fortune to be friends with Buddy for more than 10 years, beginning when we worked together at IU. Buddy was a valued colleague and in time became an equally valued friend. We found that we had common, or at least overlapping, interests in books, movies, music, and politics, among other things. I enjoyed his wry sense of humor and admired his creativity and passion. He introduced me to some worthwhile movies I had never seen, and some laughable cult classics. We shared our thoughts on writers ranging from Stephen King to Thomas Pynchon and outsider rock artists like Tom Waits and Captain Beefheart. And he tried to teach me a little about photography, though I'm afraid I was a rather undisciplined student.

*I have always enjoyed people who are a bit eccentric, and Buddy did not disappoint. Anyone who knows him is aware that he wore the same outfit every day, blue jeans and a black long-sleeved work shirt. I thought it was because of his admiration for Steve Jobs, who famously wore a black turtleneck and blue jeans every day. But Buddy said it was because in his youth he saw that people were sometimes intimidated by the way he dressed. (He wasn't very specific, but I imagined a biker outfit, complete with engineer boots.) So he decided to dress in a more neutral and consistent way. I also noticed that he never rolled up his shirt sleeves, even on the hottest days. I thought perhaps there was something wrong with his forearms, but then I saw him in a tee-shirt and they looked fine. Maybe Buddy occupied a realm slightly above the earthly weather.*

*Buddy and I have a lot of unfinished business. I just watched a famous French film a few days ago and wish I could get Buddy's thoughts about the film and director. I was looking forward to telling him that I had subscribed to the Criterion Channel. I never got a chance to persuade him that he was wrong about covers of Bob Dylan songs being better than the originals. Or to show him that Richard Thompson is nothing like Gordon Lightfoot. And there was always a chance that I would get serious about photography, availing myself of his expert guidance.*

*Beyond his knowledge, creativity, passion, and occasional quirks, Buddy is one of the kindest, gentlest, most generous people I have ever known. The world has less color without him. I miss him a lot.*

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**David Perry** - May 13, 2020 at 04:15 AM

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DF

“ *I have so many great memories of time spent with Bud over the last thirty years, and could go on and on about his generosity of spirit, kindness, and creativity - but the thing I'll miss most is that no one could make me laugh as hard as Buddy. One of us would start "a bit" about something we saw in the news or just out in the world, and no matter how silly or ridiculous the premise, he was always able to help carry the bit a little further. We would build on the silliness until both of us were half on the floor wiping the tears from our eyes. If you have a friend like that in your life, keep them close. Like Buddy, they are rare and beautiful.*

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**Daniel FitzSimmons** - May 09, 2020 at 12:25 PM



*I'm touched by your remembrance of my brother and have a great deal of similar memories. It will take us all a long time to come to grips with his passing. Thank you for your comments.*

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**David Morris** - May 14, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DF

“ 9 files added to the album Bud and Dan's Halloween shows



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**Daniel FitzSimmons** - May 09, 2020 at 11:53 AM

LD

*Daniel, these are wonderful photos of remembrance. I've attended a couple of these shows whenever I was in town and found them creative, humorous and entertaining. It was fun to watch the faces of both the children and adults during the show. Thank you for sharing these memories.*

*Leila*

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**Leila Dabbagh** - May 15, 2020 at 11:40 AM

DN

“ *I had great admiration and respect for Buddy, he was a gifted teacher who shared his deep knowledge of technology with an infectious enthusiasm - and he seemed always to be up to something both unique and fascinating. I am so lucky that our paths crossed many times over the years and I am so sad to hear we have lost him.*

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**Don Nissen** - May 07, 2020 at 09:38 AM

JW

“Buddy was a faithful adjunct faculty member for numerous years at the Columbus Campus of Ivy Tech Community College. For that matter, much of his life was dedicated to providing our students with a comprehensive and first class education that provided many of our graduates with good paying careers.

*Looking back, I have so many fond memories of Buddy, his good qualities too numerous to mention. He was a gentle soul and I am so grateful for his service to our program and to have known him. Numerous students and colleagues have sent me their regrets and expressed sadness. I send you my deepest condolences.*

*Sincerely,  
Jonathan Wilson*

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**Jonathan Wilson** - May 06, 2020 at 03:54 PM

DW

“I was a co-worker of Buddy's for a couple years. I remember a quick question in his office usually turned into longer conversations on random tangents. Whether it was the Raspberry Pi he'd installed Python on and wondered what to program, or the Lego set in his windowsill. I remember he treated me to lunch one time and that was when I discovered that bright yellow tiny little smart car was his. I'd laughed and written it off as a neon suped up golf cart but it was a nice ride. I don't remember the food or even where we went for lunch, but the car and experience stuck with me. He was one of the good ones and he will be missed. Sincere condolences to all his friends and family.

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**David Waicukauski** - May 05, 2020 at 09:05 AM

SP

“ Buddy was my Art Appreciation teacher last fall and it was my absolute favorite class. He made class so enjoyable and interesting. The world feels a little darker knowing he’s not in it anymore. My deepest condolences to his family, friends, and anyone else who’s life was touched by his.

Sam Porter - May 04, 2020 at 03:23 PM

GB

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Buddy was like a mentor to me from my time as a student at Ivy Tech Columbus in the first classes for the Multimedia specialty to when I was lucky enough to work with him as a colleague at IU in adjacent departments. He was an excellent teacher and I enjoyed talking tech with him. We especially liked discussing with each other the latest news from Apple. He started out as a teacher and mentor to me and later became a friend. Buddy will be greatly missed.

G. Matthew Berry - May 04, 2020 at 02:23 PM

JD

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Buddy was my daughter's drawing instructor. She loved her time with him and shared many stories about his kind nature, positive attitude and entertaining stories. She also loved his teaching style and was gaining so much from his knowledge and experience. The world is less beautiful without him in it, but the light he shared won't be forgotten.



Jennifer Daily-Mantha - May 04, 2020 at 11:24 AM

SB

*I was privileged to have Buddy as my instructor last year and was looking forward to having him again in the fall 2020. I'm so sad to hear about his passing. He was inspiring, extremely knowledgeable, and very positive and encouraging in his teaching style. He will be missed very much.*

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**Sandy Bonsib** - May 05, 2020 at 11:43 AM

LS

*I worked with Buddy at IU and remember him on the day of the interview - he wore a bright colored tie and was clearly over qualified for the position. He had a wonderful sense of humor , great smile, and was always very kind. We still use a poster he created for promoting our program. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Linda Summers** - May 06, 2020 at 01:31 PM