



## "Big Mike" Burch

June 3, 1940 - July 30, 2017

David Michael "Big Mike" Burch, 77, of Mt. Summit, passed away on the morning of Sunday, July 30, 2017 at Miller's Merry Manor in Middletown.

He was born on June 3, 1940 in Muncie, a son of the late Robert L. and Mary (Marshall) Burch.

Mike lived in the Mt. Summit area most of his life. He was a 1958 graduate of Mt. Summit High School - Home of the Eagles - where he played baseball and basketball. In his junior and senior years, he enjoyed acting in class plays.

Mike enjoyed his school and deeply appreciated his teachers and classmates, referring to his classmates as brothers and sisters.

Mike loved the Mt. Summit community and the wonderful people who helped him as he was growing up. Following high school, he worked at Glasco Vending Machine Co and then Warner Gear. In 1966, he started at Culligan Soft Water and began his apprenticeship as a Journeyman Plumber. He worked for Oxley Soft Water for 17 years the last five as a salesman. In 1985, Mike went to work for Staton Ford Dealership as a salesman, and then with Goodwin Bros. Chrysler-Dodge-Plymouth-Jeep, Sam Pierce Chevrolet and later managed C&C Auto Sales.

Mike served as the Prairie Twp. Trustee from 1976 until 2012 and three additional years as the assistant to the trustee. He was a member of the Mt.

Summit Christian Church since 1944. He was baptized in 1957 and served as a Deacon, Elder, Trustee Board Chairman and Sunday School teacher.

Mike was a 50-year member and past Master of the Sulphur Springs Masonic Lodge F&AM No. 348. He was a member of the Blue River Valley Optimist Club where he served as president many times and served as past president of the Henry County Memorial Park Board of Directors. He loved slow pitch softball, golf and the monthly Euchre Club with his best friends.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Deborah Baldwin Burch, whom he married on December 15, 2012; her parents, Guy and Karen Baldwin of Winchester; a granddaughter, Emily (husband: John) Saiz of Mt. Summit; great-grandchildren, Sophia (7) and Zachary (1); a brother, Robert (wife: Linda) Burch of New Castle; a nephew, Patrick (wife: Angie) Burch of Ft. Wayne; a niece, Shelley (husband: Brian) McKinney of Anderson; brothers-in-law, David (wife: Vickie) Baldwin and Douglas (wife: Lisa) Baldwin both of Winchester.

Also surviving is his earth sister, Sara Harris (Gillian) Grodrian of Muncie; earth daughter, Loveda (husband: Steve) Jones of South Bend and their children, Allison and Christine (husband: Zac) Coudret; earth daughter, Melodie Donovan of Fishers, and their sons, Zachary and Casey, and earth daughter, Melanie (husband: David) Sims of Brownsburg, and their children, Andrew (wife: Olivia) Sims, Rebecca, Ryan and Ariane Sims.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, Mary Elizabeth Burch.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, August 4, 2017 at the Mt. Summit Christian Church with Ben French officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Summit Cemetery.

Friends may call from 11:00 am until the time of service Friday at the church with a masonic memorial service at 1:45 pm.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Mt. Summit Christian Church for Camp Scholarships or Choir or Mt. Summit Volunteer Fire Dept.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home. You may leave the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com). The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Big Mike Burch.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Summit Cemetery

Mt. Summit Cemetery  
Prairie, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Summit Christian Church  
508 S Walnut St  
Mt. Summit, IN 47361

## Masonic Memorial Service

AUG 4. 1:45 PM (ET)

Mt. Summit Christian Church  
508 S Walnut St  
Mt. Summit, IN 47361

## Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Summit Christian Church  
508 S Walnut St  
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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My thoughts are with Mike & his family today. I wish I could physically be at the church today, but I need to be at work. So, I'm thinking instead of what might be said today to Debbie. She'll hear a lot of stories about Mike, because he sure knew a lot of people to share stories with. No one loved the Mt. Summit community, Blue River schools, or Mt. Summit Christian Church more than Mike did. He was heavily involved in keeping Henry County a better place. He will really be missed by so many.*

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**Jim Smith** - August 04, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *We all get wrapped up in what we are doing in our lives and forget about awesome people like Mike. He helped me in little league and he always seemed to be around when I was down until I left Indiana in 1992. I guess God knew when to intersect Mike into my life. If we could all learn to be more like Mike all of our lives would be so much better. My prayers are with his family and everyone that knew Mike, because if you knew Mike you would be hurt to hear of his passing, but if you can smile he would want you to. Jerry and Emma Sue Massengale - Sparta, TN*

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**Jerry Massengale** - August 03, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ *Myra Madden-Razor lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch*



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**Myra Madden-Razor** - August 02, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Myra Madden-Razor sent a virtual gift in memory of "Big Mike" Burch*



**Myra Madden-Razor** - August 02, 2017 at 02:08 PM

MR

“ *Thanks Mike for all your contributions. This is what being an outstanding Hoosier is all about. Mike Rogers, McKinney, TX*

**Mike Rogers** - August 02, 2017 at 09:43 AM

PD

“ *Pattie Dowden lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch*



**Pattie Dowden** - August 02, 2017 at 06:40 AM



*Mike was a wonderful man and had a huge heart. I met him while going through chemo and became good friends. He refused to let me feel sorry for myself and always brightened my day. We shared a lot of McDonald's brkfst's together on the way home from Muncie usually his treat he would never let me pay, always the gentleman. He will be missed by everyone he touched. My thoughts and prayers are with his family I'm so sorry for your loss. RIP Mike I will always remember your kindness to me.*

**Myra Madden-Razor** - August 02, 2017 at 02:22 PM

CD

*I am so sad to hear of Mike's passing. He reached out just recently via telephone message. He happened to see my name on the Mt Summit High School 50 yr Reunion roster that is hanging in the big hall by the Volunteer Fire Station. I was so excited to hear from him, what a wonderful surprise. I did not get to attend the Reunion, but was so happy to be invited. I always felt I belonged to Mt Summit, I hated Muncie Central. I went to Mt Summit school from 1-10th grade and was devastated by having to leave. Mike told me he was trying to contact as many people as he could find from the old Mt Summit group. He was one of a kind. I will never forget him and his big heart. He informed me of his health and said he would probably be the next person to pass away from our class.*

*Debbie, I do not know you, but he sure talked about you from his heart, I know you must be a wonderful person.*

*Carolyn Fay (Oxley) Duggins, Albuquerque NM*

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**CAROLYN DUGGINS** - August 16, 2017 at 04:06 PM

VH

“ *He helped with getting the playground equipment at Mt Summit old high school*

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**vicki hinshaw** - August 02, 2017 at 05:53 AM

VH

“ *In high school I watched him play basketball. I got to know him better as an adult when my husband went to rehab and we wanted to take my husband out that first night. Mike came and talked to us. He said just give it a day or two. What great advise. I knew him in between high school and as an adult but this is just two times. I have always liked Mike RIP*



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**vicki hinshaw** - August 02, 2017 at 05:50 AM

Ruth  
Saiz

“ *Ruth Saiz lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch*



Ruth Saiz - August 02, 2017 at 01:56 AM

RM

“ *Roger and Marge Buck, Albuquerque New Mexico purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of "Big Mike" Burch.*



Roger and Marge Buck, Albuquerque New Mexico - August 02, 2017 at 12:01 AM

DC

“ *Diana Coy lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch*



Diana Coy - August 01, 2017 at 11:38 PM

RB

“ *Many fun HS memories, playing basketball, choir and just having BIG MIKE BURCH as a friend. We will miss you very much.*

Roger Buck - August 01, 2017 at 11:09 PM

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“ Always welcoming and friendly at church. He always greeted me with a hug. He was a wonderful man.

Summer Whelchel (Neal-Butler) - August 01, 2017 at 10:29 PM

ST

“ Steve & Shawn Thurston lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch



Steve & Shawn Thurston - August 01, 2017 at 09:34 PM

AB

“ Abigail lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch



abigail - August 01, 2017 at 09:00 PM

AD

“ Angela Duncan lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch




Angela Duncan - August 01, 2017 at 08:31 PM

BM

“ Thank you Big Mike for being so devoted to your community. You will be missed. Prayers of comfort for your family.



beverly matthews - August 01, 2017 at 08:21 PM

 Lisa Holcomb

“ Rest in Heaven my sweet friend you will be missed



Lisa Holcomb - August 01, 2017 at 07:54 PM

RD

“ Deborah, my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Mike. We sang in choir together at Mt Summit Christian Church. Mike was a good man!

Ruth Ann Duncan - August 01, 2017 at 07:48 PM

BG

“ Big mike sold me our first car when we moved back to the Muncie area. He also got me a pair of snow boots since we moved from Arizona and I didn't have boots. Was always a great support to my family and the best friend I could ever wish for. I love you my dear friend, peace and happiness forever now that your with our Heavenly Father. GM Bootsie

b galbraith - August 01, 2017 at 05:19 PM



“ Rest in peace Mike. You will be missed by many.



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**Kim Shelton Couch** - August 01, 2017 at 05:09 PM

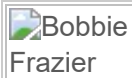


“ Nancy Webb lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch



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**Nancy Webb** - August 01, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ I will miss you my dear friend. You meant the world to me. Rest in Heaven



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**Bobbie Frazier** - August 01, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ Mike it was my pleasure to meet you thru Optimist. We had fun talking and playing cards. RIP. Brenda

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**Brenda baker** - August 01, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ *Donna Meade Tauber lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch*



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**Donna Meade Tauber** - August 01, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *I'll miss you Mike. We had some good times. You always treated me as a close friend, which we were. Always guided me in the right direction. Thanks for the memories and friendship Mike. Fritzzy*



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**Scott Pfenninger** - August 01, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *Wilma Royer Massengale lit a candle in memory of "Big Mike" Burch*



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**Wilma Royer Massengale** - August 01, 2017 at 04:51 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of "Big Mike" Burch.*



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July 31, 2017 at 08:59 PM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of "Big Mike" Burch.*



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July 31, 2017 at 08:45 PM