



Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge

August 18, 1936 - January 22, 2026

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Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge, 89, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord he so faithfully loved and served on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at Baptist Health Floyd in New Albany, Indiana.

He was born on August 18, 1936, in Huntington, West Virginia, a son of the late Rev. Harry Curtis and Thelma Anna (Farren) Burge.

From an early age, Curtis felt the call of God upon his life. At just 12 years old, he preached his first sermon, and by the age of 15, he left the hills of West Virginia to attend God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio—beginning a lifetime devoted to ministry and service.

On March 4, 1955, Curtis married the love of his life and faithful companion, Wavelene June Bondurant. Together, they shared a life of ministry, pastoring churches in Ohio, Michigan, Washington, West Virginia, Indiana, and Kentucky. Curtis served humbly and faithfully wherever the Lord led, never seeking recognition, only desiring to serve God and care for people.

In addition to his ministry, Curtis was a hardworking and highly skilled

carpenter. He built many homes and churches, taking special pride in his detailed trim work. Whether preaching a sermon, swinging a hammer, or offering a helping hand, Curtis believed in honest work done for the glory of God.

He loved attending revivals, camp meetings, and singing, and his faith was evident not only in words but in action. Curtis had a generous and giving spirit—often opening his home to those in need, feeding the hungry, and quietly helping anyone he could. His kindness, humility, and servant's heart left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Those left to cherish Curtis's memory include his children, Phil (Barbara) Burge of Springport, Diana (Mark) Ranke of Palmyra, Mark (Kari) Burge of Springport, Tim (Crystal) Burge of Corydon, and Matt (Lynnette) Burge of New Castle; 18 grandchildren; Tonya Lynn Wolfe, Nathan Allan Ranke, Jeremy Duwayne (Sabrina) Ranke, Paul Curtis Ranke, Joshua Neal (Katie) Ranke, Kimberly Dawn Ranke, Daniel Lee Ranke, Leah Renae (Tyler) Replogle, Peyton David Ranke, Joel Alexander Ranke, Shannon Lynn (Jake) Strange, Kristen Nicole (Justin) Hilligoss, Cameron Bryce (Rosa) Burge, Charles Arthur (Magen) Walker III, Kayla Mae Ellen Walker, Chelsea Nicole (Trey) Ball, Shelbie Ann (Steven) Bennett, and Landon Matthew (Alison) Burge; 33 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Curtis was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Wavelene Burge; an infant son, Ricky Lynn Burge; two grandsons, Curtis William Burge and Christian Evan Burge; a great-grandson, Emerson Jacob Strange; a sister, Betty Iona Conover; and a brother, Ralph Edward Burge.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Memorial Wesleyan Church, 2701 N. Memorial Drive, New Castle, with Rev. Tim Wiford officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Christian Cemetery in

Springport.

Friends may call at the church from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Christian Cemetery

776 W. County Road 800 N.
Springport, IN 47386

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Wesleyan Church
2701 N. Memorial Dr.
New Castle, Indiana 47362

Funeral

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Wesleyan Church
2701 N. Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN

Tribute Wall

DK

“ We are sorry for your loss, Bro Burge was a wonderful person.Hugs and prayers..Danny/Cathlene King

Danny and Cathlene King - February 02 at 10:10 PM

BI

“ Got to sit with him at Josh and Katies house a few months ago and he poured into me... Prayers for everyone

Bobby House III - February 02 at 08:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.



January 30 at 02:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.



January 30 at 08:40 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.*



January 28 at 03:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.*



January 28 at 03:09 PM



“ *Darrell & Shirley Coffin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.*



Darrell & Shirley Coffin - January 27 at 09:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.*



January 25 at 10:27 AM

JP

“ A great man that had a huge impact on so many lives! He was always there for our family because he didn't want us to ever forget, no matter how many miles separated us, that we would always be family. I have wonderful memories of time with him from childhood to present. The handshake and hug combined with that priceless smile, was the warmest greeting you'll ever get. My father told me multiple times that a friend like Curtis is the best friend you'll ever have. I know the family is all very proud of him as they should be! You will be missed and are loved dearly. Rest in heaven brother, we love you!

John Pratt - January 25 at 10:17 AM

AP

“ Aaron and Tara Pratt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Curtis Eugene Burge.



Aaron and Tara Pratt - January 24 at 05:16 PM

JO

“ Sorry to hear of this loss. Bro Burge was a true Christian man, he loved God with all his heart. He will be missed on this earth but a gain in Heaven. Some day we will have a great reunion. Joan Barnett Monroe

joanabarnett@yahoo.com - January 23 at 08:34 PM

MH

So sorry for your loss. He loved God and being in the service of God. Your Dad and Mom were always a great inspiration to my husband and I from the time we meet them many years ago. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain. But the blessed hope of being together forever won't be long. Praying for you all. ❤️

Marietta Helphenstine - January 24 at 06:37 AM



I will always remember him as a man who loved God with his whole heart, and everyone as himself! 🙏❤️

Michael Meek - January 24 at 02:09 PM