



## David Ray Burke

July 21, 1948 - September 6, 2022

David Ray Burke, 74, of New Castle IN, passed away unexpectedly in his home on September 6, 2022.

He was born on July 21, 1948 in New Castle, IN, a son of the late Orville and Juanita (Wagner) Burke. He graduated in 1968 from Walter P. Chrysler Memorial High School in New Castle. David retired from Chrysler Corporation after 33 years of service.

David coached youth football, basketball and baseball for over 20 years. He enjoyed fishing, attending car shows, supporting New Castle sports and was an avid Butler Basketball and Colts Football fan. He was an active member of the Elks Lodge 484. He enjoyed spending time with his family and especially watching his grandchildren in their various sports and activities. David and his wife, Martha, enjoyed spending their winters in Florida.

David is survived by his wife of 46 years, Martha (Whisler) Burke of New Castle; children, Troy (Kitty) Burke of New Castle, Nathaniel (Christal McCree) Burke of Indianapolis, Joey (Heather N) Burke of Fort Meade, FL, Andy (Jenny) Burke of New Castle and Adam (Ashlee) Burke of Greenfield; grandchildren: Dezirae Corder, Austin Burke, Logan Burke, Maria Corn, Arial Corn, Sarah Corn, Carson Burke, Brody Burke, Landyn Carter, Rylee Carter, Bostyn Burke; great-grandchildren, Penelope Corder, Averi Burke and Holdyn

Burke. He is also survived by his beloved cat, Lilly.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his in-laws, Gene and Phyllis Whisler; a daughter-in-law, Dr Heather E Burke and many siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm, Monday, September 12, 2022 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 3 – 6 pm, Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Monday. The Elks Memorial Ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm, Sunday evening.

You may send 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 David Burke.

# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

SEP 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

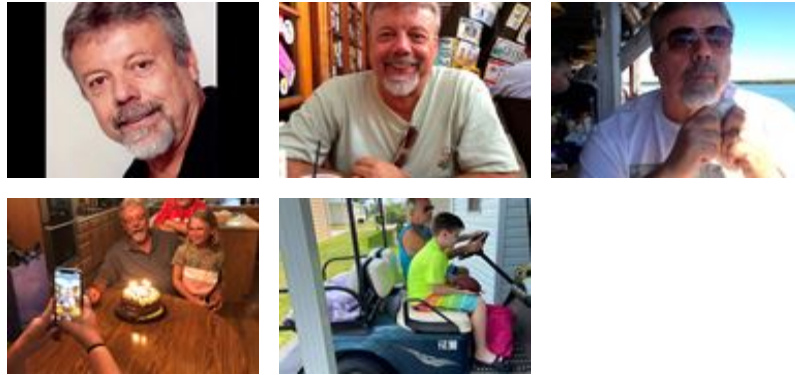
EW

“ *sorry for loss*

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**ed witham** - September 11, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *87 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - September 11, 2022 at 09:06 AM

AG

“ *I loved our silly relationship with Dave. He liked to joke around but he also had a heart of gold and would do anything for you. We will truly miss him.*

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**Amy & Willard Goff** - September 10, 2022 at 08:43 PM

RS

“ *Were so sorry to hear of the passing of David our prayers be with the family.*

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**Ron&Tess Supinger** - September 10, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Ray Burke.*



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September 10, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Ray Burke.*



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September 09, 2022 at 09:00 PM



“ *So thankful I grew up around the Burke family. Dave was always kind and patient with all the neighborhood kids. I don't think I ever saw him in a bad mood and if he was then he never took it out on us. Every time I rolled over to the Burke's he'd greet me with a friendly 'Matt the Brat'! Dave and Martha always had a welcoming and safe space for us to play. Their house was a natural meet up spot for many kids and I think that shows a lot about Dave and what was important to him. The Burke's place was home base for years of epic neighborhood flashlight tag adventures. Thanks Dave and much love to the Burke family. -Matt the Brat*

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**Matt Lundquist** - September 09, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Ray Burke.*



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September 09, 2022 at 05:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Ray Burke.*



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September 09, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of David Ray Burke.*



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September 09, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Ray Burke.*



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September 09, 2022 at 09:05 AM

CS

“ Dave was such a special friend to Mark and I. Sooo many good memories of him. He took a piece of my heart with him. He maybe gone yet never will be forgotten. Love and prayers to you Marty. We know he was your world. 🙏❤️😭

Carol Stevens - September 09, 2022 at 07:19 AM

MC

“ I'm saddened to hear of the passing of David. My thoughts and prayers are with you Martha, and your family.  
Mary Lou (Heilman) Chappell

Mary Lou Chappell - September 08, 2022 at 09:37 PM

RD

“ My sincere condolences to the Burke Family.. I have good memories of Dave from my youth sports. David was always encouraging me . Very nice guy. This world needs more David Burkes . RIP David and May God always comfort and guide your families.



Ricky Davis - September 08, 2022 at 08:13 PM

CF

“ Marti, Steve and I are so sorry for your loss. We always talking to Dave at camp and he always made us laugh. He was a kind man. Our prayers to you and your family.  
Steve & Carol Fountain

Carol & Steve Fountain - September 08, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Ray Burke.*



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September 08, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sympathy and prayers for you, Martha, and all the family.*

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**Judy Barber** - September 08, 2022 at 04:52 PM



*Dave was one of a kind, the kind of man you couldn't help but befriend. Scott and he developed a bond like no other. I always looked forward to his kind smile and warm wit. We will miss you our friend. Keeping Marti and family in our thoughts and prayers. Scott and Sherry*

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**Scott Sherry Filson** - September 09, 2022 at 04:25 PM