



## Rev. Verlin E. Chipp

October 26, 1933 - October 20, 2016

Rev. Verlin E. Chipp, 82, went home to be with the Lord early in the morning hours of Thursday, October 20, 2016 with his loving family by his side.

He was born on October 26, 1933 in Grand River, Iowa, a son of the late Thomas Alexander and Mary Emmiline (Spray) Chipp.

Verlin graduated from high school in Lucas, Iowa and attended Olivet Nazarene University. He married the love of his life, Berniece Showers, on June 28, 1952. For several years, Verlin worked for Armstrong Tire and Rubber in Des Moines, Iowa. Verlin was saved and dedicated his life to Christ on March 19, 1959. He began his pastoral ministry in 1960 and pastored mostly with the Church of the Nazarene in Iowa, Indiana and Kentucky. Rev. Chipp always had a pastor's heart and loved the people he faithfully served. He also served as an evangelist across 11 states. He enjoyed working with wood and did carpentry work in addition to pastoring. One of his greatest loves was his library of books and reading and he loved having his children with him at home.

Those left to cherish Verlin's memory include his loving wife of 64 years, Berniece Chipp; five children, Marilyn J. Botkin of Noblesville, Carolyn K. Sneed, David Eugene Chipp, Sharolyn M. (husband: Jack) Hawes and Jarolyn L. Hensley all of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren, Melissa Lynn Lile,

Deanna Lynn Bauer, Ronald L. Botkin, Amy Renee Sneed, Jami Sneed, Jason Sneed, Christopher Michael Lambert, Jennifer Michelle Davis, Latisha N. Heckman, Mindy L. Hesley, Danielle M. Bowling and Bri Hensley; many great and great-great grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Jean Chipp, Lois Keller and Hazel Showers; a brother-in-law, Cecil Crawford and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Coy Showers; a granddaughter, Jacinda Trejo; a great-grandson, David Tyler Heckman; a son-in-law, Kermit M. Botkin; five brothers, Norman, Urman, Lowell, Lewis and Robert Chipp; three sisters, Margaret Burchett, Maxine Glazebrook and Verda Crawford and brothers-in-law, Max Keller, Dean Showers and Hubert Showers.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 24, 2016 at Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene, 1326 Sumner Ave. Indianapolis, with Pastor Randy Perry, Rev. David Cook and Rev. William Sweezy officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 - 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. 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 Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

9350 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene  
1326 Sumner Ave  
Indianapoois, IN 46227

## Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello everyone this is my great great Grandfather Rev. Verlin E. Chipp !! writing you again on ( 08/05/25 ) I really do miss you. I have not not talked to you since October 30, 2023 at 03:39 PM, Now I am here to write you again. I love you Grandpa Chipp so very much. I've really missed you over the past Nine years ! it feels really good to check and talk to you ! I love you grandfather. And I miss you dearly From Your Grandchild " Tremaine F. Tatum. ☆.o.:\* .o.:\*☆

Tremaine Tatum - August 05, 2025 at 08:20 PM

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“ Love you grandpa so much and i hope you're doing really doing good dear grandpa chipp from your great great grandson Tremaine F. Tatum love you ❤️🦋❤️🦋❤️

Tremaine tatum - October 30, 2023 at 03:39 PM

TR

“ Love you so much grandpa chipp.

tremaine - March 13, 2023 at 01:28 PM

TR

“ This is my my great great grandfather he died from diabetes I cried i was sad when he had left I wish I give him a hug before he left I wish I could spend more time with him dear grandpa from you great great grandson Tremaine F. Tatum. Love you grandpa 🥹

tremaine - February 06, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.*



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October 23, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.*



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October 22, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.*



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October 22, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ *Lois Keller, Tina, Mona,& Chuck & families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.*



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**Lois Keller, Tina, Mona,& Chuck & families** - October 22, 2016 at 01:11 AM

SA

“ I grew up just house down from the Chipp's house, and there was not a day that went by that their family wasn't at their house. He was like our neighborhood Grandfather. Such a kind, compassionate man that would give anything just so you could smile. He loved the Lord in which he served his life for. I love you Grandpa Chipp! You will definitely be a missed staple to your family. Let us not have tears of sorrow, because he's at peace. Find comfort in each other and I love each one of you dearly. Thank you Jarolyn for always having some sweet tea and conversation over at your mother and fathers' house. He's preparing his mansion waiting on his families arrival. My deepest sympathies to your family, and in my prayers I will keep you all! - Sara Rees



Sara - October 21, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.



October 21, 2016 at 04:34 PM

MA

“ Margi, Mona, Rosanna, Marcia, Dana, Ray, Larry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.



Margi, Mona, Rosanna, Marcia, Dana, Ray, Larry - October 21, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Many years ago, we met the Chipp family in the Quad City area. That began a friendship which has spanned all those years. We are praying for comfort during this difficult time!! Love you all! Linda and Bob Bedford*

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**Linda Bedford** - October 21, 2016 at 08:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Verlin E. Chipp.*



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October 20, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ *Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.  
I pray for you my friend, Sharolyn and your family that you find  
comfort in love and memories of your Dad.*

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**Beverly Fenter** - October 20, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss in our prayers ,my dad has been gone 14 years not a day goes by that we miss him. You have memories hold close to your heart. We will be thinking of you Sharolyn.*

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**Sandra** - October 20, 2016 at 05:17 PM