



Charles W. Cunningham Jr.

January 20, 1932 - April 11, 2012

Charles W. Cunningham, Jr., age 80, of Rensselaer passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at his home. Charles was born in Rensselaer, IN on January 20, 1932, to the late Charles W. Cunningham, Sr. and Gertrude Anna Woodward Cunningham. He was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer. Charles was the shop foreman at the Indiana Department of Transportation in Rensselaer where he worked for 50 years before retiring on January 9, 2009.

Charles was a member of the Mt. Ayr United Methodist Church where he was a past church trustee and a longtime member of the church dart ball team. He was a member of the Monticello I. O. O. F. Lodge #143 since 1973. Charles was an avid bowler and a devoted Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan. He loved to travel. Charles enjoyed his camera and many times could be found taking photos of his surroundings.

On November 7, 1970, in Rensselaer, Charles married Patty R. (Pass) Slawson who survives.

Charles was a devoted husband and a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Surviving with his loving wife Patty are two sons, Charles W. Cunningham III (Beth Kemper, partner) of Remington, IN and John (Teresia) Cunningham of Cabot, Arkansas; four daughters, Shannon (Larry "Curly") Nees of Cloverdale, IN; Sherry Miller (Clem Moran, partner) of Greencastle, IN; Sherri Zickmund of Rensselaer, IN; and Becki (Jerry) Farley of Mulberry, IN; one sister, Jannie (James) Cox of Fair Oaks, IN; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and

one on the way. Preceding him in death were his parents and a son, Michal Wayne Cunningham who passed away April 26, 1996.

I.O.O.F. services will be held at the Jackson Funeral Chapel Sunday at 6:00 P.M..

Memorials may be made to the Mt. Ayr United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society or the Jasper County Hospital Home Healthcare and Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
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Service

APR **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Libby Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.* ”



Libby Smith - April 29, 2012 at 08:27 PM

LS

My thoughts are with all of you during this time of great sadness. Charles was a great guy!

Libby Smith - April 29, 2012 at 08:29 PM

QB

“ *Quade Berges lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.* ”



Quade Berges - April 15, 2012 at 09:07 AM

QB

You were a great man and touch the lifes of many people the last few days you were here. Some were new people and other got to know you for you. I was one of them that got to know you for 2 years In this short time i got to spend much time with you and your loving grand daughter Brynn Berges. You fought here with every last strenght you had and now your in a better place. I will see you again someday just dont wait on me i will find yous. Love you Grandpa Cunningham

Quade Berges - April 15, 2012 at 09:16 AM

BB

“ *Brynn Berges lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Brynn Berges - April 15, 2012 at 08:56 AM

BB

Gpa ill always miss you and i will never forget the things we talked about your last few days at home. I did my best to keep you without pain and always there for you to talk to weather you were here or not. I will always hold our conversations close to my heart! they mean everything. today we will put a mere memory of you into the ground, because i know that you are in heaven in an area with buffalo like you kept telling me about getting ready for nana to come home with you like you said. i am sure mike is with you as you took his picture and put it in your pocket a day before. I had to be a rascal because as long as you and i were being silly and picking at each other i knew by the things you said you loved me hahaha. I love you forever gpa, save my husband, son and i a place in the buffalo!

Brynn Berges - April 15, 2012 at 09:04 AM

ML

“ *Michelle Lichte lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Michelle Lichte - April 15, 2012 at 08:46 AM

TB

“ *Tammy Baker lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Tammy Baker - April 14, 2012 at 10:19 PM

BB

“ *We know Baby Burton didn't get his chance with his great grandpa, but I know he would have loved you just as much if not more than his mommy . I will share my wonderful memories of you with him , he will know who you are. I love you grandpa and so does baby:D*



Baby Burton - April 14, 2012 at 03:44 PM

KC

“ *Kent W. Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



kent w. cunningham - April 14, 2012 at 11:51 AM

DW

“ *DONNA WRIGHT lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



DONNA WRIGHT - April 13, 2012 at 06:30 PM

BZ

“ *Sending our condolences to Hazel and the family of Charles
Sharing in your loss we send you our thoughts and prayers.
Bob and Peggy*



Bob and Peggy Zarndt - April 13, 2012 at 10:24 AM



“ *Marilyn Lowry lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



marilyn lowry - April 12, 2012 at 10:30 PM

HM

Sorry to hear the passing of Charles. We will miss him. Howie Marshall

Howie Marshall - April 13, 2012 at 07:50 AM

SN

“ I know when we were talking, you left me for a moment. Your eyes turned upward, towards the ceiling, but you were seeing far beyond the confines of the room. Your eyes were not focused on this world. You didn't blink, your eyes didn't move, and your face was so intent. I just watched and waited, and wondered who you were seeing. Was it Mike, or Grandma, or Grandpa? Was it all of them? Was it Jesus himself telling you that your suffering was ending soon and it was time to come home? I just stood beside you, held your hand, looked in your eyes, and waited for you to come back. You were gone for maybe a minute and then you turned your head toward me, your eyes came back into focus, back to this world and you squeezed my hand. Thank you for letting me share a part of your journey home. Thank you for having the strength to kiss me goodbye, and thank you for having the courage to endure what you went through these last weeks to give me time to say goodbye. Enjoy your mansion in the sky and meet me at Heaven's gate when I make my journey there. I love you Dad.

Shannon Nees - April 12, 2012 at 09:39 PM

BF

We share a precious memory together Shannon. I will treasure it always. You summarized the moment we shared so beautifully. It was an honor and privilege to be part of Jesus holding onto dad and helping him to find his way home. Love you.

Becki Farley - April 13, 2012 at 07:27 AM

LL

“ *Patty and family, Know that our love, thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. My heart hurts for you, yet am thankful Charlie isn't in pain anymore, he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is in the most perfect and glorious place to be. I am thankful for the memories we have with Charlie and you, lots of laughter and enjoyment. We are here if you need anything. Again, our love and prayers are sent out to you and the family. Rick and Linda Lowry, and Doris Scriptor.*



Linda J Lowry - April 12, 2012 at 08:41 PM

SC

“ *Dear Patty, Sherri and family, Please take comfort in the support of others and the God's grace to sustain you during this time of loss and in the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Remember the moments of joy and hold to the comfort that a reunion will one day take place in heaven.*
Sharon Colee



Sharon Colee - April 12, 2012 at 01:14 PM

DH

“ *Dear friends, I am saddened by our loss on earth of such a wonderful person and I hold you in prayers still through this time. I am glad he passed to heaven to be with those he loved there surrounded by those he loved on earth. He touched so many lives here and will be remembered with a smile.*

Diana Lyn Hanford - April 12, 2012 at 12:46 PM



“ *Joann Skinner lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Joann Skinner - April 12, 2012 at 10:42 AM



Holding all of you close in prayer during this difficult time.

Joann Skinner - April 12, 2012 at 10:43 AM

SZ

“ *Sherri Zickmund lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Sherri Zickmund - April 12, 2012 at 10:19 AM

AG

“ *Art & Cindy Green lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Art & cindy Green - April 12, 2012 at 10:05 AM

AG

“ *Art & Cindy Gree. lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Art & cindy Gree. - April 12, 2012 at 10:00 AM

RR

“ *Ron & Vicki Robinson lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Ron & Vicki Robinson - April 12, 2012 at 09:45 AM

RR

“ *Sorry for the loss of your Dad, Sherrie and family. He is at peace now with our Lord. He had alot of fun playing dartball, he was a joy and he will be missed...Treasure your memories.... Vicki & Ron*

Ron & Vicki Robinson - April 12, 2012 at 09:44 AM

DD

“ Dear Sherri, You have my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your Dad. How wonderful for him to be in his home, in the arms of his loving wife, with his loved ones around him when he passed to arms of our Lord.

It was my privilege to care for him his last few days. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to meet your loving Dad, and your devoted family.

If there is anything more I can do to help, please let me know.

Diane Doolin

Diane Doolin - April 12, 2012 at 09:28 AM

DD

“ *Diane Doolin lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Diane Doolin - April 12, 2012 at 08:50 AM

LB

“ *Loretta Burdett lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Loretta Burdett - April 12, 2012 at 08:31 AM

TA

“ *Tom & Lori Aichner lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Tom & Lori Aichner - April 12, 2012 at 08:30 AM

AF

“ *April Farley lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



April Farley - April 12, 2012 at 08:26 AM



“ *Sherri and family, Thoughts and Prayers during this difficult time! May you find peace knowing that he is resting and not suffering, anymore! Hugs and Kisses!*



Tonya Profrock - April 12, 2012 at 08:04 AM

BF

“ My dad used to tell me he was always happy to see my smiling face and I would always laugh. Dad used to say that every day was a good day. Those are the kind of things he said all the time. Dad always made me laugh and I knew he loved me. Dad loved. I miss my dad now and will always miss him. He was a wonderful man and a gift from God. I am thankful that he met Jesus face to face yesterday and is now free of pain and with his mom and dad and son, Michal. Until we meet again dad, I love you, Becki.

Becki Farley - April 12, 2012 at 07:55 AM

IK

“ Illene Kirby lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



Illene Kirby - April 12, 2012 at 07:51 AM

JF

“ Jerry Farley lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



Jerry Farley - April 12, 2012 at 07:50 AM

A<

“ Alicia Kay And Andrew <3 lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



Alicia Kay and Andrew <3 - April 12, 2012 at 07:43 AM

BF

“ Becki Farley lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



Becki Farley - April 12, 2012 at 07:35 AM

DB

“ Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family during this difficult.

Dennis and Judy Black - April 12, 2012 at 07:34 AM

J&

“ John And Kellie Lewis &Family lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



John and Kellie Lewis &Family - April 12, 2012 at 04:53 AM

RP

“ *We are so sorry for you loss.*



Ronnette Peden - April 12, 2012 at 04:39 AM

RP

“ *Brett and Ronnette Peden*



Ronnette Peden - April 12, 2012 at 04:21 AM

MC

“ *Marsha Cunningham-Whitehead lit a candle
in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Marsha Cunningham-Whitehead - April 11, 2012 at 10:22 PM

DA

“ *Deb (De Moss, Deno) Allen lit a candle in
memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.*



Deb (De Moss, Deno) Allen - April 11, 2012 at 09:25 PM

TO

“ Tiffany O'Farrell lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



Tiffany O'Farrell - April 11, 2012 at 09:22 PM

SM

“ My dad was one of the most wonderful men I've ever known. He was gentle & kind. I remember as a little girl, I would sit on his belly & watch the Cubs play baseball. That was my own personal seat.. I'm sure gonna miss him & I'm going to treasure all the memories that I have. He's gone to join my brother Mike & Grandma & Grandpa in heaven. He will truly be missed... I love you dad..

Sherry Cunningham Miller - April 11, 2012 at 08:43 PM

SM

“ Sherry Cunningham Miller lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



Sherry Cunningham Miller - April 11, 2012 at 08:35 PM

JC

“ Jane Cox lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Cunningham Jr.



Jane Cox - April 11, 2012 at 05:06 PM

JC

You left me today and I am so sad...but I know in my heart you are in a wonderful place. You were always there for me when I was young, and always made me laugh when I was unhappy. You accepted me for just who I was, the good, the bad, and I am sure the evil. :) And you did it because you loved me unconditionally. I have never known a man who had as much love in their heart as you. Your family and loved ones meant the world to you. You always put everyone else first. I am not saying goodbye, because we will meet again. Give Mom & Dad a hug for me. Love, Janie

Jane Cox - April 11, 2012 at 05:51 PM

LS

“ I worked with Charlie for many years at the highway very good man . Years ago we used a lot of black tape and baling wire to hold the truck together. Miss you,bud, Larry Sayers

Larry Sayers - April 11, 2012 at 04:42 PM