



## Dewayne John Cilek

November 8, 1938 - March 2, 2026

Dewayne John Cilek, of Crown Point passed away peacefully into the hands of the Lord on March 2, 2026, after a courageous battle with illness. He was born on November 8, 1938, to John and Nettie Cilek. Dewayne was a proud 1957 graduate of Crown Point High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation where he served honorably. On September 21, 1963, he married Trudy Shidaker, the love of his life and enjoyed 62 years of blissful marriage. He was employed at NIPSCO until retirement. Dewayne was a die-hard fan of Indiana University and followed I.U. sports enthusiastically. He was an avid outdoorsman and spent countless hours hunting and fishing. Dewayne also was a master craftsman of woodworking and created countless works for his family and friends. His other main pastime was his 1930 Model A Ford which was enjoyed by his family through five decades. Dewayne was preceded in death by his parents, mother and father-in-law, Lois and Lester Shidaker and sister-in law, Janice Bleeke. He is survived by his wife, Trudy; daughters, Debra (Rob) Lula, Lisa (Kevin) Krieter, Trisha (Todd) Gill; grandchildren, Lauren Miller, Chase Miller, Abri (Brock) Gakle, Nina (Rey) Euceda, Jennifer Krieter, Taylor (Matthew) Nuccio, Paytn ( Brett) Morris, Jaeger Gill, Macee Gill; great grandchildren, Carter Austgen, Rowan Schantz, Berkley Gakle, Mateo Euceda, Nova Morris, Braxton Morris, sister, Patsy (Ron) Petzke. A visitation will take place on Friday, March 6, 2026, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. until the funeral service

at 11 a.m. at Burns, Crown Point. Military honors will be held at Historic Maplewood Cemetery in Crown Point. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dewayne's name to Dunes Hospice, 4711 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383 or Hillside Community Church, 5201 W. 109th Avenue, Crown Point, IN 46307. Please visit Dewayne Cilek's online obituary and guestbook at [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Historic Cemetery

347 Maple Ln  
Crown Point, IN 46307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

GC

“ My sympathy to Dewaynes family. He and my dad [Frank] were cousins. Frank passed away 3 yrs. a go....George Cilek...Northome Mn.

george cilek - March 06 at 04:15 PM

DW

“ My wife and I first met Dewayne and Trudy though mutual friends at a car show. Dewayne was always fun to walk around with at car shows and car swap meets. Also seeing him and his excellent woodworking crafts at the Lake County Fair. His faith in God, his love for his family, and his passion for old cars well be fond memories for us.  
With love and prayers for Trudy and the Cilek family 🙏  
Dean and Debbie Wiersbe

Dean Wiersbe - March 06 at 07:12 AM

BC

“ Brian, Deanna, Trevor and Mitchell Cobb purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dewayne John Cilek.



Brian, Deanna, Trevor and Mitchell Cobb - March 05 at 08:11 PM

RS

“ I remember as a little boy riding in his model T he was so nice to give us a ride me and my sister while we were visiting our grandparents across the alley

Ron Simko - March 05 at 03:50 PM

JD

“ Jeff and Kelly Davidson purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Dewayne John Cilek.



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**Jeff and Kelly Davidson** - March 05 at 01:10 PM

JD

“ Jeff and Kelly Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dewayne John Cilek.

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**Jeff and Kelly Davidson** - March 05 at 01:10 PM

PR

“ PATTI ROCKOVITS lit a candle in memory of  
Dewayne John Cilek



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**PATTI ROCKOVITS** - March 05 at 12:36 PM

KA

“ Keith, Elizabeth & Eva Arnold purchased the Bea  
utiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dewayne  
John Cilek.



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**Keith, Elizabeth & Eva Arnold** - March 04 at 10:09 PM



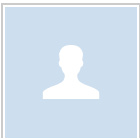
“ *To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss. Rest Easy Hero*

*Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)*



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**Randy Gumkowski** - March 04 at 07:20 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dewayne John Cilek.*



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March 04 at 06:21 PM