



## Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick

February 24, 1947 - June 7, 2021

Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick, age 74 of Crown Point, IN passed away at home on Monday, June 7, 2021. Hal was born February 24, 1947 in Fort Wayne, IN to the late Ralph and Martha Pinnick. He graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1964 and received his BS degree in 1968 and Doctorate degree in 1972 from Purdue University. He went on to teach and perform research work in chemistry and a number of universities including the University of Georgia and Columbia University. His latest post was at Purdue Northwest in Hammond. Hal enjoyed gardening and was known for his green thumb with all sorts of indoor plants. He was very fond of his dog, Buddy and his cats, Beaker and D2. He is survived by his fiancé, Katherine Harper of St, Albans, WV and his brother Donald (Lisa) Pinnick of Mooresville, IN. He will be sadly missed by family, friends, students, faculty, and neighbors. Visitation will take place Thursday June 10, 2021 from 3-6 pm prior to the funeral at 6 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Interment will be at Bethel Cemetery, Orleans, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN **10**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Harold had such a unique sense of humor when I knew him about 60 years ago. We studied together and challenged each other academically. He was by the book and serious; I a bit more freewheeling. We went off along different paths in the sciences and life, but to this day, I have fond memories of those distant times together. So sad that he's gone.

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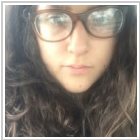
**John K** - August 23, 2024 at 03:51 AM

CR

“ I had the privilege of Hal's friendship starting in 1991 at Bucknell. He provided me with an opportunity to study under him and that opportunity changed the course of my life. I stayed in touch with him off and on through the years and last visited him the year prior to his passing. I consider him a friend and mentor and will miss him deeply. My sincere condolences to his family. Craig Runk

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**Craig Runk** - June 07, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ I will miss you, Dr. Pinnick.

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**Olivia Blakeley** - March 04, 2022 at 03:24 PM

JQ

“ I shared a lab with Hal as a post-doc for Gilbert Stork at Columbia University. He was always a keen and avid chemist and a good lab mate. I last saw him in 1992 at a celebration for Gilbert. We had good reunion.

I regret not contacting Hal when he moved back to Purdue and I had moved to Chicago. I thought that I would have time to do it later.

Katherine and Donald, I am sorry for your loss.

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**Jim Quick** - November 06, 2021 at 04:35 PM

DL

“ Wonderful professor of organic chemistry at Buckner University

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**David Loew** - October 21, 2021 at 01:22 AM

AS

“ I was privileged to know Harold during my first two years at Purdue from 1970-1972. He was a leader in Nathan Kornblum's research group. He was very supportive toward the younger members of the group. My condolences to his family. Allen Scott

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**allen scott** - October 03, 2021 at 08:56 PM

RB

“ Always had the interests of the students and Dept. at heart. He made things work, especially this past year. He was a friend that we will miss greatly.

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**Rey Barreto** - June 10, 2021 at 03:57 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry to lose a colleague so dedicated to student success. This will leave a void that will be a challenge to fill. Kay Rowberg

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**Kay Rowberg** - June 10, 2021 at 03:01 PM

RW

“ Rhonda Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick



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**Rhonda Wilson** - June 10, 2021 at 10:35 AM

RW

“ Rhonda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick



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**Rhonda Wilson** - June 10, 2021 at 10:33 AM

GW

“ Not Hal. He was my strong support at Purdue. May he rest in peace and may Kathy and Don be comforted. Take care of Buddy and the cats.

*Gretchen Wolf*

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**Gretchen Wolf** - June 10, 2021 at 10:24 AM

MI

“ Our department lost a good professor. My heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones. May Hal rest in peace.



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**Meden F. Isaac-Lam** - June 09, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick.*



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June 09, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick.*



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June 09, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Hal was a wonderful person and a great instructor. Even when everyone else had left, his door was open to anyone who needed his help. I have enjoyed working with him over the years and sharing many hours of friendly conversation. I will deeply miss him and will always think of him as I pass by his office. My deepest sympathies to his family.*

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**Ron Kozlowski** - June 09, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, WVSU purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick.*



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**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, WVSU** - June 09, 2021 at 12:57 PM

RJ

“ Like many students, Dr. Pinnick had a profound influence on my life. He helped me get into graduate school, which shaped my career path, even to this day. More importantly, his wit, humor and sayings have stuck with me and continue to be a part of my everyday vernacular. He was very special.

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**Ryan Johnson** - June 09, 2021 at 12:41 PM

NZ

“ Hal was a very dedicated professor. He was a pleasant man with a unique sense of humor. May he rest in peace.

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**Naveed Zaman** - June 09, 2021 at 10:49 AM

ZJ

“ It's going to take some getting used to not being able to pop up at your office seeing the door wide open waiting for someone to walk in. Your witty jokes that went over peoples heads is what I'm going to miss the most; seeing someone trying to juggle between learning organic chemistry and understanding your jokes was the highlight of your lectures for me. Your dedication for helping others (humans, cats, dogs, or plants) is truly unmatched. I'm going to really miss you. It's never goodbye, it's always see you later. Thank you Dr. Pinnick...

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**Zakya Jordan** - June 09, 2021 at 01:01 AM

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**John K** - August 23, 2024 at 03:14 AM

FG

“ Prof. Pinnick was always generous with his time; I will miss popping into his office to chat, he was a great mentor and was always a source of inspiration. My deepest condolences to his family.



Farai Gombedza - June 08, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JA

“ Hal was a wonderful person to get to know over the years. It was an honor to learn from him, work with him, and teach for him. You will be in my thoughts forever! Our deepest sympathies to the Pinnick family.

Jon Aros - June 08, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick.



June 08, 2021 at 08:11 PM

PD

“ Hal was a great teacher, fantastic colleague, mentor, and a dear friend. My heartfelt condolences to his entire family and loved ones. He will be surely missed.

Purna Das - June 08, 2021 at 05:36 PM

LP

“ Hal was a valued colleague and dearly loved by the many students he mentored. You are in my prayers.

Libbie Pelter - June 08, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" W. Pinnick.



June 08, 2021 at 04:28 PM

DG

“ Hal was a colleague, a mentor and a friend. My deepest sympathy and condolences to all of his family and loved ones.

Dawit Gizachew - June 08, 2021 at 04:07 PM

DS

“ Hal was a valued colleague. My deepest condolences to all of his family and loved ones.

Daniel Suson - June 08, 2021 at 02:50 PM

GN

Hal was a great colleague at Purdue Northwest. He was fair and honest. He will be missed.

George Nnanna - June 09, 2021 at 08:26 PM