



## Herbert Paul Noonan

June 20, 1945 - January 13, 2024

Herbert P. Noonan peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Herb was born on June 20, 1945 in Lafayette, Indiana. He was a 1963 graduate of Andean High School - an original 59er. He also earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in education from Indiana State University. He was a Physical Education and Health teacher for over 30 years with the Crown Point Community School Corporation and Griffith Public Schools. He also coached cross country and wrestling and taught driver's education. Over his life, Herb loved to hunt pheasant, quail, and woodcock with his beloved Brittany's, as well as hunt turkey and deer. He was also an avid Bass fisherman – with many a tourney win and Big Bass to his name. He loved watching his Green Bay Packers and collegiate wrestling matches. Herb is survived by his wife, Denise, and his children: Leslie Noonan, Chuck (Alicia) Noonan, and Megan (Jim) Towers. He is also survived by his sister, Jennie (Steve) Austin, nephew, Matthew (Amy) Austin; great-nephew, Brice; nephew, Patrick (Heather) Austin; grandson, Tyler (Shelby) Noonan; granddaughter, Renae (Steven) Burke, and great-grandchildren: Annabelle, Independence, and Rian Noonan and Logan Burke.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Phyllis Noonan. A visitation will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT. A private burial will take place in the future. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St. Jude's Research Hospital, the American Heart Association, the

American Cancer Society, or the charity of your choice in Herb's. [www.burnsfu  
neral.com](http://www.burnsfu<br/>neral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 21. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

10101 Broadway

Crown Point, IN 46307

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Having had Mr. Noonan as a teacher, I remember his sense of humor most of all. He will be remembered fondly.*

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**Lee Duggan** - January 26 at 02:30 PM

MD

“ *Mr. Noonan quietly carved out a place of safety and a sense of belonging for me during a difficult time in my junior year of high school. There was a very good core in him that allowed myself and especially those he coached to feel valued. Melissa (missie) Duncan*

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**Melissa Duncan** - January 25 at 06:46 PM

JG

“ *My condolences and prayers for the family.*

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**Jennifer Gooldy** - January 27, 2024 at 10:04 AM

RK

“ I have fond memories of teacher and coach Noonan. He came to Griffith HS in 1974 as the new wrestling coach, but also inherited the cross country team. I remember him telling the team he didn't know much about cross country but he took the time & effort to teach himself and learn. He became a knowledgeable CC coach. Post HS I remember seeing coach Noonan many times on the big lake (Michigan) fishing for perch & small-mouth bass. He also took the time to attend both my parents funerals, coach became quite the friend!

*Due to a prior commitment, I'm unable to attend his services. My heart felt condolences to his entire family & friends. RIP coach Noonan. May God bless you.*

*Rick Konopasek, Griffith HS class of 1976.*

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**Rick Konopasek** - January 20, 2024 at 01:33 PM

GL

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Herb as a member of the NWI Bass Club 5 years ago. It was a pleasure knowing him and I will always remember the nice catches he brought to the scales at the end of many tournaments. He still had it and will be missed by us all. I'm sure he will find a nice bountiful lake to continue fishing in.

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**George Lamfalusi** - January 19, 2024 at 06:20 PM

JT

“ DENICE and family, since Megan came into our life 28 years ago we have always thought of you and your family as our family, and because of that, HERB will be a loss we feel also, but we know somewhere in heaven, there's a fishing pond with Herb, standing with a fish in one hand and a smile on his face, just like his picture

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**Jim and Linda Towers** - January 19, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DM

“ *Herb and I attended school together starting in grade school all the way through college. In high school we participated in several sports together and enjoyed reminiscing. We always shared a mutual love of both hunting & fishing and enjoyed conversing about each of our fishing tournaments. Herb will be missed very much as a long time friend & fellow outdoorsman.*

*Dale Marino*

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**Dale Marino** - January 18, 2024 at 07:29 PM

CR

“ *Memories of long ago, Mr. Noonan wrestling coach at Griffith. Rest in peace. Condolences to the family and friends. Carol Pustek Rushton*



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**Carol Rushton** - January 17, 2024 at 08:44 PM

RP

“ *The Powell family sends Our Deepest Sympathy. Herb stopped by last year just to say Hi. I felt very blessed by his kindness. Our boys had him in school and enjoyed Mr. Noonan class. May you RIP Mr. Noonan*

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**Rich and Claudia Powell** - January 17, 2024 at 07:18 PM

BR

“ *I will always remember Coach Noonan from our Griffith High School cross country days. He was a good coach and a wonderful man. Prayers to his family. Bob Rucoba*

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**Bob Rucoba** - January 17, 2024 at 06:22 PM

CJ

“ I have heard many great stories about Mr. Noonan. He was a very kind and considerate man. Condolences and prayers for the family.  
Cynthia & Al Johnson

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**Cynthia & Al Johnson** - January 17, 2024 at 06:13 PM

TS

“ After my dad died in 2004, Herb took my mom to dinner and spent the time asking about her and my five siblings. Made my mom feel wonderful. We got together whenever I was in town from Minnesota. Loved the conversations about our families and the Andean class of '63. I miss him, keep waiting for his phone call. Terry Smith

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**Terry Smith** - January 17, 2024 at 05:22 PM

TF

Herb was a key member of our breakfast club sessions. we reminisced of our high school days. Never a dull moment with plenty laughs. He came to my bedside after my open heart and was always concerned about my health. Never spoke of his condition but over time his quietness became noticeable. Spoke very highly of the love of his life, Denise. Your wrestling was outstanding. Like a bull in the ring. I will miss our captain of the FB team, left Guard who wore #64, and never ever gave up. Herb, you'll be missed by many. t

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**Tom Franko** - January 19, 2024 at 10:31 AM