



Philip Alan Schumaker

February 15, 1955 - November 5, 2025

Philip Alan Schumaker, age 70, of Crown Point, Indiana, entered the arms of God on November 5, 2025. He was born on February 15, 1955, in Decatur, Illinois, where he was also raised.

Phil married Monica in 1975, his high school sweetheart and the love of his life. After missing Monica dearly since passing in January 2025, Phil is joyfully reunited with her.

Phil devoted over four decades to education in Illinois. He began his career as a teacher in 1979 and later became the K–12 Principal for Shiloh Community Unit School District #1. In 1994, he joined Lansing School District #158, serving as Principal of Calvin Coolidge Elementary School from 1994 to 2005, and then as Assistant Superintendent from 2005 to 2013. He retired after shaping countless students' paths and supporting teachers and administrators with integrity and wisdom.

Phil earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Illinois State University, a Master's in Educational Administration from Eastern Illinois University, and completed advanced graduate work in educational business management and superintendence at Governors State University and Lewis University.

Phil was known for his quirky sense of humor and the deep bond he shared with his family. Above all, he was an excellent husband and father. His daughter Breanna admired, loved, and respected him, treasuring the guidance and example he provided throughout her life.

Funeral arrangements will be held privately.www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Sad to hear of Phil's passing, we went through K - 12 school together. He always had a smile and was fun to be around.

Sam Force

Sam Force - January 11 at 03:02 PM

TP

“ Loved this guy to death till we meet again my brother miss you💔

Tino Ponce - November 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM

NI

“ Phil was an amazing person...once he tried to give me his jacket off his back when I complimented him, ironically he ordered 2 by mistake but I'm not nearly as tall and had to decline. I had the pleasure of introducing Phil to my wife & daughter on Halloween, he was a huge hit since one of the only houses passing out candy corn, we both laughed and I informed him its popular because its not! I really enjoyed talking with Phil over the last year and so thankful that I met him! Nick

Nick - November 16, 2025 at 07:55 PM

GL

“ Mr.Schumaker was a loving and caring person. He was the principle for all three of my daughters. With a special liking for the youngest Nneka.We send our prayers out to the family.



Gladys - November 15, 2025 at 09:21 PM

SI

“ Phil was one of the first principals I worked with and it was a pleasure working alongside him. He always had an encouraging word and showed genuine concern for others around him. He will be missed greatly.

Simon - November 14, 2025 at 09:45 AM

CH

“ I would see Phil often in the district through the years, he was always willing to help out or get you what you needed. But, what I remember most is he was the administrator that first greeted me on my first day of subbing in district 158, before I became a teacher here. He greeted me in his long tan trench coat and walked me to an upstairs classroom at Coolidge, it seemed weird the placement of the class. As he left, he had a smile on his face and said you will do great and slowly shut the door! I have been in this district for over 20 years, he was my first admin I ever met, always enjoyed talking to him.

Cheryl

Cheryl - November 13, 2025 at 02:44 PM

AO

“ I worked with Phil for many years as well as Monica. I have great memories with both of them at district 158. I am sending thoughts and prayers to your family.

Angela O. - November 13, 2025 at 12:37 PM

KR

“ Dear Breanna, Your dad (and mom) were the most wonderful, loving and beautiful people we ever knew. Having them as neighbors and life long friends was truly a blessing. I’m heartbroken that they are no longer with us but I know they’re together in heaven watching over you, their beautiful daughter. Our prayers and love are with you always. Love, Patti and John Krcmery

Krcmery's - November 13, 2025 at 06:29 AM

DC

“ After working with Phil for many years, I would still see him once a year when I took my kids trick or treating. We just chatted on Halloween at the entrance to his garage. He was always kind me. So sorry for his loved ones.

Dave C - November 12, 2025 at 12:42 PM