



## Raymond B. Chermak

April 20, 1940 - January 2, 2024

Raymond Benjamin Chermak, age 83, of Crown Point, Indiana, passed away on January 2, 2024. He was born on April 20, 1940 to John and Anna Chermak.

Ray was a schoolteacher for 53 years in the Griffith and Crown Point Indiana public schools, dedicating himself to educating those with learning challenges. As an educator, he was passionate about helping students reach their full potential.

Ray Chermak was a loving father, husband and brother, always putting his family first. He cherished spending time with his family and created countless memories that will be treasured forever. His kindness and caring for others endeared him to those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ray had a passion for gardening, and could often be found cutting the lawn, planting flowers or tending to his vegetable garden. Ray was an active member of Bethel church and was dedicated to serving the church and the members of the church community.

Raymond Chermak was preceded in death by his father John Chermak, mother Anna Chermak and Sister Anne Chermak. He is survived by Nancy Chermak (spouse), David Chermak (son), Todd Chermak (son) and wife Debbie Chermak, William Chermak (brother), George Chermak (brother) and wife Beverly Chermak, 6 grandchildren (Breanna, Jonathon, Kimberlyn, Julia, Lauren and Zachary), 5 great grandchildren (Emmitt, Quentin, Elsie, Molly and Dean) and a host of friends who will miss him dearly. The impact he made on

the lives of those around him will be his lasting legacy.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 12-4 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Crown Point, Indiana. The funeral service will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 10 a.m. Directly at Bethel Church, 10202 Broadway, Crown Point. Pastor Steve DeWitt officiating. Interment Chapel Lawn Cemetery. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens

8178 Cline Ave  
Schererville, IN 46375

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Church  
10202 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I believe he was my teacher from Meister school in the ‘60s. Great teacher...

Candie Perry - March 18, 2024 at 06:50 AM

JE

“ Jo E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond B. Chermak.

Jo E. - January 06, 2024 at 08:04 PM

ME

“ Oh how I will miss Ray. I work at Stracks and got to know him very well. He had a heart of gold. We would always chew the fat and laugh. You will always be in my heart. Love you my friend. God bless and God watch over the family.

Mary Ann Ernst - January 06, 2024 at 04:35 PM

HS

Dear Nancy  
I just came across Rays obituary!! I am so saddened to hear about this. Even though we have lost touch I think about you and Ray and the hours I spent at your house studying for our nursing degrees. I would not have made it without you and my memories include Ray vacuuming around us as we sat on your living room floor. And the wonderful cookies and treats he made for us.  
I am truly saddened hearing of his passing. What kind of accident was it - if you don't telling me. Plz feel free to text or call me.  
Love Helen Croarkin  
219-241-1731 or email me  
Helen229n@hotmail.com

Helen Croarkin from nursing school - May 17, 2024 at 01:37 AM

SR

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Chermak Family a tree was planted in remembrance.

Scott and Debbie Ribar

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scott Ribar - January 06, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond B. Chermak.



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January 05, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Raymond B. Chermak.



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January 04, 2024 at 07:12 PM

JC

“ Jennifer C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond B. Chermak.

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Jennifer C. - January 04, 2024 at 07:12 PM

TF

“ *The Higgins Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Raymond B. Chermak.*



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**The Higgins Family** - January 04, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Raymond B. Chermak.*



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January 04, 2024 at 04:18 PM

BY

“ *Brian Y. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond B. Chermak.*

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**Brian Y.** - January 04, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond B. Chermak.*



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January 04, 2024 at 02:42 PM