



Rev. Richard R. Burdett

November 4, 1945 - December 13, 2022

Rev. Richard Ray Burdett, 77, went home to his Lord and Savior Tuesday evening, December 13, 2022. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 4, 1945, the son of the late Hurlie E. and Gertrude E. (Miller) Burdett.

On January 22, 1966, he was united in marriage to Sheila M. (Swift) Burdett in Indianapolis; she survives.

Richard was a 1963 graduate of George Washington High School in Indianapolis and a 1971 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University. He served 44 years as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene beginning in Rockford, Illinois. He moved to Indiana and pastored at Odon, Greenwood, Bloomington, and in Lebanon, retiring in 2015.

He started the Fellowship of Collegiate Christians Nazarene Student Center. His heart for ministry brought about the creation of ministries to the following campuses in Indiana: Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Vincennes University, and Ball State University. His desire was to encourage, inspire a love for God to effect change in their personal lives.

Richard was a dedicated member of the Lebanon Rotary Club and a past member in Bloomington. He held leadership roles with the Salvation Army and

was instrumental starting the Men's Recovery Center in Lebanon. He was also an advocate for chaplaincy work and developed that program at Witham Memorial Hospital.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and leader of his congregations. He loved the Lord and delighted in serving his church and the community in which he lived.

Survivors include his wife: Sheila M. Burdett of Lebanon; daughter: Melissa (Burdett) Lamb of Danville; three granddaughters: Rachel Lamb-Lowery (Drew) of Indianapolis, Kerenah Lamb of Danville, Christina Lamb of Lebanon; three great grandchildren: Harper Grace Lowery, Kingsley May Lowery, Ezra Ray Lamb; sister: Darlene Rumble of Brownsburg and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by two brothers, James (Edna) Burdett and Donald (Janet) Burdett; sister, Erma Burdett; brother-in-law, Al Rumble; niece, Jackie Rumble Burns; and a great granddaughter, Millie Ann Morris.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Funeral Services are planned for 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, at Lebanon First Church of the Nazarene, 1122 Garfield Street, in Lebanon, Indiana, with visitation again from 11:00 a.m. until time of services. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery, west of Lebanon.

Memorials may be directed to Gideons International.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

5295 West State Road 32
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
1502 North Lebanon Street
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 482-0620
office@myersmortuary.com
<https://myersmortuary.com/>

Visitation

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Church of the Nazarene
1122 Garfield Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Service

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Melissa - so saddened by this news. Darin just forwarded to me today, I'm sorry to have missed the visitation and funeral.*

Like so many others - I was impacted forever by your dad's kindness and passion for the Lord. Those formative years were spent all over the Indianapolis district - I can't imagine the extra energy that he gave for all of us....something we didn't consider at 15 years of age.

God bless you and the memory of "Brother Burdett".

"Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed."

Kevin Brown

Kevin Brown - December 27, 2022 at 11:24 AM

PE

“ *Dear Sheila, Melissa & family,
Sara and I were so very sad to hear that Bro. Burdett had passed away - we so loved him (and all of you). He was so kind to mentor us as a young pastor & wife and we will never forget the example he set before us.*

He also ministered so faithfully to our son while he was attending Indiana University. We so appreciated his efforts to love our son, Isaac and pray for a change in his life. That meant so much to us as parents.

We are so sorry we were not able to be with you for his service. We send our love and prayers for the days ahead and look forward to our reunion in heaven. Love, Pastor Phil & Sara Edwards

Phil & Sara Edwards - December 20, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Linda Stuteville lit a candle in memory of Rev. Richard R. Burdett*



Linda Stuteville - December 19, 2022 at 11:24 PM

PY

“ *Truly a servant of the Lord. Thank you for all you contributed to the community and to me personally.*



Penny Young - December 19, 2022 at 05:20 PM

BB

“ *He was the first pastor in Boone County to allow Celebrate Recovery at his church. Hundreds of lives were impacted by his willingness to help hurting people. Bro. Blue*

Bro. Blue - December 19, 2022 at 04:04 PM

SE

“ *Mr burdett was a wonderful man I got to know him the closest when he was with me as my husband was passing with cancer he and my husband connected in a different way than we will know he helped him pass with some ease he also conducted his funeral. May he rest in peace with the Lord his father*

Suzan english - December 19, 2022 at 02:38 PM

KC

“ I met Richard at Witham Hospital and we developed a wonderful friendship. Getting to know him was a treasure in my heart as he would often pop into my office for design and printing and conversation. For his family - May God hold you in the palms of His hands and give you peace.



Kae Campbell - December 18, 2022 at 05:17 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Richard R. Burdett.



December 17, 2022 at 10:04 AM

WG

“ Walter and Lora Moore (And grandchildren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Richard R. Burdett.



Walter and Lora Moore (And grandchildren - December 16, 2022 at 08:40 PM

Julie
Gillespie

“ He was a wonderful man. He was like a second father to me and a mentor. He was always concerned with your soul and never met a stranger. He is already loved and missed. A very good man who was always there for my family and I won't forget it! Prayers for my good friend Sheila and her daughter and granddaughters.



Julie Gillespie - December 16, 2022 at 07:44 PM

MT

“ I have so many wonderful memories of good times with Richard and Sheila, always including lots of good conversation and many laughs. He taught me to drive to downtown Indy (which he called “the Holy City”) using Bluff Road, which I still do. One year he directed the Christmas cantata at Valley Mission, and for some reason he assigned me a soprano solo, even though I’m an alto. I remember at one practice he told me my voice was too shrill, which is an indication of the kind of relationship we had. Both Richard and I were direct communicators, so we understood each other! He will be greatly missed, but his influence will be felt for generations to come. Love to Sheila, Melissa, and the family.

Marsha Turner-Shear - December 16, 2022 at 04:17 PM

ZK

“ Zechariah and Evelyn Kouns purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rev. Richard R. Burdett.



Zechariah and Evelyn Kouns - December 16, 2022 at 10:28 AM