



## E. Dale Dinkens

April 15, 1939 - March 19, 2022

E. Dale Dinkens,

82, of Indianapolis, passed away March 19, 2022. He was born April 15, 1939 in Greenbrier, Missouri to the late Roy and Oletha (Hawn) Dinkens. Dale received his bachelor's in English from Duke University and his master's in teaching from Indiana University. He was an English teacher for Howe High School and Tech High School for many years. Dale was a Drivers Ed instructor and coached various sports.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 24 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service at 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington Street.

Dale is survived by his son, Kevin "Stacia" Dinkens; and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gleaner's Foodbank, 3737 Waldemere Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46241 and/or Indiana Diaper Bank, 9511 Angola Ct., Ste. 221, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

La Porte, IN 46350

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 24.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel  
5377 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
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info@shirleybrothers.com  
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## Funeral Service

**MAR 24.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - March 28, 2022 at 03:38 PM

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**Cassie** - March 23, 2022 at 10:33 AM

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“ He was my freshman english teacher. My most and unusual memory about him. I was sitting in the three row and looked up and noticed a friend from third grade. I started to talk to her asking if she had gone to #103 in 3rd grade? Mr. Dinkens, ask me if it was important? Would I like to share it with the class? I looked at him and tried to tell him what we were talking about. About that time he put me in the center of the room, and had everyone face me for the rest of the period. I was so embarrassed and I never talked in class again. Now that I look back I am glad he did it, it made me focus on my school work, and not on playing around. I laugh about it now, thinking how silly I was.

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**beth keck (lego)** - March 22, 2022 at 04:28 PM

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“ He was at all of my graduation ceremonies, both High School, Ivy Tech, IUPUI Bachelor's and IUPUI Master's. Though he had his foibles, he was still my father.

*Stacia Dinkens*  
(formerly "Kevin")

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**Stacia A. Dinkens** - March 20, 2022 at 07:57 PM