



## Kalvin "Butch" Eugene Bundrant

July 2, 1946 - August 29, 2023

Kalvin E. Bundrant better known as "Butch" was born on July 2, 1946 to parents, Kenneth E. Bundrant and Armenta Lee Faulks-Gregg Bundrant in Rushville, IN. Butch was the oldest of four children and the only boy. Butch graduated from Rushville High School in 1964 and went on to serve in the United States Air Force in 1965 where he served in the Vietnam War. During his time in service Butch received many honors and awards for his dedication and service in the U.S Air Forces.

Throughout Butch's life he was interested in so many things and had many careers. After being discharged from the U.S. Air Force, Butch went on to become an Insurance Fraud Investigator with State Farm Insurance for 28 years.

At an early age Butch became interested in racing, over the years racing became his life. For a brief moment Butch drove race cars before coming a Chief observer in 2000 for the Indy Racing League. Butch became an official with the United States Auto Club and a member of The Old Timers Club. Butch had many hobbies as well which included his racing and car clubs, DJ'ing where he went by EZ Rabbit, mixing music, and building model race cars. He was also one of the first fathers to create a security team called "The Security dads" for Arlington High school in 1991. Butch lived a full life with many careers, hobbies, achievements and awards.

On December 21, 1947 Butch was baptized in Rushville, IN at the age of 1 years old. Later in life Butch joined New Beginnings Fellowship Church where

he was one of the first members to join when the church opened. He loved to volunteer to help at the church in any way he could, including with sound overs for the church.

Butch was such a loving, caring, goofy and overall great person. He touched every person he met and lit up every room he walked in. He brought so much joy into every person's life he was in.

On August 29th, 2023 Butch transitioned this life, he is proceeded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Armenta Bundrant. He is survived by his three sisters, Sherri, Beth and Tronda, and Paula and Harvey, who were like siblings to him. Also his three children; Michael Bundrant, Kim Bebley, and Brandon Bundrant, his 11 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. His Children and family were his life. Visitation will be Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon at New Beginnings Fellowship Church, 2125 North German Church Road, Indianapolis. Interment will follow Friday, September 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Marion National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Riley Children's Foundation and/or the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Marion National Cemetery

1700 East 38th Street  
Marion, IN 46953  
(765) 674-0284

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Beginnings Fellowship  
2125 North German Church Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

## Funeral Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Beginnings Fellowship  
2125 North German Church Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

## Graveside Service

SEP 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Marion National Cemetery  
1700 East 38th Street  
Marion, IN 46935



# Tribute Wall

AT

“ Words cannot express my sadness and sorrow over the loss of my dear friend Kal. Our friendship has lasted over many years, but the love we shared is priceless. To Michael, Kim and Brandon your father was an outstanding person that truly loved his family to the outer limits. May God’s Grace and New Mercy abide with you always. Love Toni Thacker

Antoinette M. Thacker - September 07, 2023 at 08:13 PM

DJ

“ Having only a few chance meetings with Butch, he impressed me as a great man with many accomplishments in his life. I thank my God I had the opportunity to know him. Rest in peace brother a job well done...All the Glory to God

Derek “DJ” Johnson - September 07, 2023 at 09:16 AM

RJ

“ Heaven has gained a true warrior. I will miss him terribly and will never forget all the wonderful conversations, and the events of his life he shared. What I will miss most is his smile, and his spirit about life. He was a real gentleman and always treated me as family . I love you cuz and will keep you in my heart always. Rebecca Johnson-Peak, Columbus, Ohio

Rebecca Johnson-Peak - September 07, 2023 at 08:43 AM

BB

“ Dear Brother i know you are gone, but I still want you to know that I think of you everyday and miss you in my life ❤️ May your love and spirit shine ✨ forever Love your baby sister

Beth Bndrant - September 06, 2023 at 09:42 PM

RM

“ I was able to visit Butch with his cousin Mark “Chip” Bundrant while he was in The Hospital! Chip really loved his cousin and spoke kindly of him! He will be missed! Sincerely Chip and Rita

Rita Milton - September 06, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Calvin "Butch" Eugene Bundrant.



September 06, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Calvin "Butch" Eugene Bundrant.

September 06, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ Butch always had a smile and kind word. Enjoyed working with him on the IRL observer crew in May each year. RIP friend.

Steve Schultz - September 06, 2023 at 08:58 AM

RA

“ I only casually knew Kal at State Farm, he was on of those "SIU" guys (which I was later to become) who always had a smile on his face, was willing to share his observations and exuded optimism. It seemed everyone was his friend. RIP, my good man, Rest In Peace.

Rob Akerhielm - September 05, 2023 at 04:02 PM

IT

“ IndyCar Observer Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Calvin "Butch" Eugene Bundrant.



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**IndyCar Observer Team** - September 05, 2023 at 12:33 PM

IT

“ IndyCar Observer Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Eugene Bundrant.

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**IndyCar Observer Team** - September 05, 2023 at 12:33 PM

RA

“ I've known Butch for about 40 years. Was lucky enough to work with him in the State Farm family of claim reps for about 10 years and then I went into agency and he was a claim partner for the next 30. He invited me to join the IndyCar observer team in 2002 and he was our leader in the tower until he retired. His main responsibility was to feed our information from around the track to the race director. Butch was always calm in the middle of chaos, action, confusion, danger, sadness & celebration!  
A friend to all of us. On behalf of the entire IndyCar observer team, RIP dear friend. Until we meet again - Godspeed!

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**Rick Aton** - September 05, 2023 at 12:15 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Howard Cobb and Dayspring Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Calvin "Butch" Eugene Bundrant.*



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**Pastor Howard Cobb and Dayspring Church** - September 05, 2023 at 09:42 AM

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**Pastor Howard Cobb and Dayspring Church** - September 05, 2023 at 09:42 AM

MW

“ *I worked with Kal for many years at State Farm. Shortly after I started, my mother was rushed to the hospital and I wanted to get there quickly. It was winter with snow and ice falling all morning and my car was buried. I was furiously scraping ice off my windshield when I heard something beside me. It was Kal helping me clear my car. I was a new employee and barely knew him, but there he was helping me. I thanked him and he said "no worries- we're family here." I never forgot that. He was always quick to help others and he had a great sense of humor. We laughed together a lot during our State Farm years. RIP Kal.*

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**Mark Wilson** - September 04, 2023 at 02:27 PM



*We were from the same hometown. He was six years older than I so we didn't hang with the same group. At some point we both ended up living in Indianapolis. I went to a few races with him at the speedway and then we lost touch with each other. About a year and half ago he located me somehow. He is one of the nicest people you could ever know with a memory that astounded me. He will be missed so very much.*

**Francine Weems** - September 05, 2023 at 03:49 AM

GT

*“ Most people did not even know that Butch had a first name, and for some reason it stuck and seemed just right to fit like a glove. He had a great life and not many got out of life as much as our leader and he never met a stranger and as a matter of fact I quit walking into the race track with him because everyone knew him and wanted to have a word with him which is living truth to his popularity. GODSPEED my friend and RIP. Mary & Glenn Timmis/IndyCar Observer/Retired.*

**Glenn Timmis** - September 04, 2023 at 12:54 PM

RP

*Kal was a super person who.....LUVVVVEEDD to talk. Lol....  
He was a very sweet person, friend. I moved out of town with my State Farm Insurance position and he always called to check on me. Even in his sickness he called to check on me, when I should have been checking on him. When I hadn't heard from him after texting him, I began to fear the worse, and I was right.  
Kal is a was a good person, God fearing person, and LUVVVDDD his children, grandchildren.  
You did well with your kids, and left a loving mark on them.  
I'll miss you checking on me, but know you will be looking out from above.  
Well done servant....take your rest.*

*Rochell*

**Rochell Pearce** - September 05, 2023 at 12:16 AM