



## Wayne Folz

July 17, 1946 - November 4, 2022

We celebrate the life of Wayne Folz, 76, who passed away peacefully at his home.

Born July 17, 1946, Wayne graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1964. He shared three children with Diane Folz – Jeff (Cheryl) Folz of Evansville, Lacy (Scott Wilhelmus) Hanmore of Evansville, and Abby (Ryan) Vaal of Carmel. Nothing was more important to him than his family, and he was happiest when surrounded by his loving grandchildren: Brooklynn, Clara, Hope, Sylvia, Nolan, Emily and Vince.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Wayne is survived by his three brothers, George, Irvin (Diana) and Tim. Preceding him in death were his parents, Sylvester and Marcella (Kaffenberger) Folz; sisters Pam Miles and Sondra Reich; sister-in-law Angie (Anderson) Folz; and brother-in-law Kenneth “Butch” Miles.

Wayne was many things to many people. He was the kind of guy who knew the answers to life’s most pressing questions, like “What kind of tree is that?” and “Why won’t this darn thing turn on?” He enjoyed helping others and his patient and tempered demeanor made him an ideal teacher who fostered a sense of curiosity in everyone lucky enough to learn from him. “Giving it away is how you keep it” was an oft-repeated motto that guided his life, and he

made a habit of sharing his knowledge and skills with the world. He gave his help and time freely and without reservation.

Wayne retired from Evana Automation in 2009 after a long career as a respected mold maker, and his hobbies and passions were so prolific and varied that capturing them all in the space provided here is an impossible task. An avid outdoorsman, Wayne was particularly fond of boating, fishing, arrowhead hunting and camping with his family and friends. He was a master artisan and woodworker who could construct magic from any material imaginable. He played countless card games and executed practical jokes with disturbing proficiency. He was the proprietor of a Christmas tree farm. He built when something needed to be built, and he fixed when something needed to be fixed. A good meal was often his preferred form of payment.

Wayne Folz – son, brother, husband, father, pawpaw, colleague and friend – died a happy and fulfilled man. The gap he leaves in our lives is only outweighed by the immense gift of his presence, charm and love – aspects of the man that will continue to live on long after the man himself.

Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, from 2 to 7 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) at Pierre Funeral Home in Evansville. A brief service will be held at Pierre Funeral Home on Thursday, November 10 at 10 a.m. CST followed by burial at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Evansville.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Folz*



-----  
**Pierre Funeral Home** - November 09, 2022 at 11:17 AM

CB

*Beautiful tribute!*

-----  
**Christina Bakker** - December 05, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Wayne Folz*

-----  
January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

KW

“ *I worked with Wayne at Evana for several years , along with Tim and Irvin. Condolences to the family. I only know Tim, Irvin and Shannon. I won't be there, but I'm thinking of you. Kurt Weiss*

-----  
**Kurt Weiss** - November 09, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Wayne Folz.*



November 09, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *163 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Pierre Funeral Home** - November 09, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Peaceful Reflections Garden Chime "Memories" was purchased for the family of Wayne Folz.*



November 09, 2022 at 10:31 AM

DS

“ Wayne was a dear friend I was so blessed to work with at Evana Automation. He and I worked together on several large projects during our employment at Evana. Wayne was blessed with a creative mind, a high level of skills in so many areas of machine building and an extremely caring and kind personality. One couldn't help but love the guy. Can't wait to see him again in heaven because I know he trusted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. - Don Swallow

Donald Swallow - November 08, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Folz.



November 08, 2022 at 04:41 PM

GM

“ Lacy, this is Gene Moore, Scott's dad and Waynes's neighbor. I had the pleasure of knowing your farther only a short time. I got to know him only slightly while repairing two of his beautiful old clocks. He had a great attitude toward life, an absolutely infectious smile while he talked. Wayne and I somehow just clicked. I could have visited with him for hours. You guys were fortunate to have him in your lives, and I offer my deepest condolences. Let me know if I can do anything to honor his memory.

Gene Moore - November 08, 2022 at 05:32 AM

TF

“ *The Acton, Gruner, and Welsh families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Wayne Folz.*



---

**The Acton, Gruner, and Welsh families** - November 07, 2022  
at 10:18 PM

TA

“ *Wayne and I were co-workers at Evana Automation for many years. He was knowledgeable about everything and shared that knowledge with his co-workers. He told a great story, some of which still make me smile. I know he will be greatly missed.*  
*Tonya Atkins*

---

**Tonya Atkins** - November 07, 2022 at 07:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Folz.*



---

November 07, 2022 at 12:06 AM

MS

“ *I worked with Wayne at Evana. Wayne and I worked on several projects together and traveled out of town often. He was very talented...the guy could probably build anything. I always enjoyed being around him.*

---

**Mike Spanner** - November 06, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Folz.



---

November 06, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wayne Folz.



---

November 06, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ I have known Wayne since 1960. We went to Mater Dei together. He was such a wonderful light and friend. I was blessed to spend time with him and Steve Kremer and it was always a joy. Those two were so entertaining when we all got together. I am so sorry for your family. He was a great human being. I'm sure he and Steve are catching the big one in heaven. God bless all of you

---

**Mary "Braun" Sunderman** - November 06, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ Wayne was like a brother to me growing up. I spent almost as much time with his family as my own. Always smiling and hanging out with George, Pam and I. He was truly a good man and will be highly missed. Rest In Peace my friend. Teddy G Acton

---

**Teddy G Acton** - November 06, 2022 at 11:20 AM