



## John Christopher Dunker

July 10, 1967 - November 17, 2017

John Christopher Dunker, 50, of Easton, passed away in Crane Creek Township at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017. He was born July 10, 1967, in Springfield, IL, to John and Bonnie (Brooks) Dunker. He married Laura Doshier on October 27, 1990 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Havana.

Mr. Dunker is survived by his wife, Laura, of Easton; parents, John and Bonnie Dunker of Mason City; daughter, Samantha (Ryan) Burks, of Delavan; son, Jeff Dunker of Easton; sister, Millie (Chris) Rose of St. Joseph, IL; brother, Steve Dunker of Springfield, as well as six nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Mr. Dunker was a member of Greenview Lodge #653. He had served as a volunteer firefighter for Easton Fire Department for several years. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time outdoors. He received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and later a Master's Degree from Western Illinois University. He was a teacher in the Havana School District for the last twenty-seven years. Most recently, he had served as Principal at New Central School, beginning in 2008.

A service will be held at Havana High School on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Visitation will follow the service from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. A dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Havana.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Central PTO or a college education fund to assist his son, Jeff. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **22**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Havana High School Gymnasium  
501 S. McKinley  
Havana, IL 62644

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Havana High School Gymnasium  
501 S. McKinley  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Hurley Funeral Home - November 20, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ John Christopher Dunker

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Samantha and family, my heart goes out to you in this time of your dad's passing. Chris was a stalwart example to so many. I learned so much about him on your Facebook pages. The joy he brought to your lives was evident. May you continue to be supported by his ongoing presence in your hearts and memories.

Marilyn Runkel - November 24, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ Laura, Sam, Jeff, John, Bonnie, Millie, Steve and families... You all have our deepest sympathy for the loss of Chris. He was a great guy and will be missed by many. Many prayers to your family.  
Dennis and Karen Hull

Karen Hull - November 22, 2017 at 01:37 PM

Andrea Seward

“ *Andrea Seward lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Andrea Seward** - November 22, 2017 at 12:42 PM

JD

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Chris. I first met him about 25 years ago in the corn fields near Ipava, then had some EDL classes with him at WIU. I just spoke to him a couple weeks ago for several minutes, and he was engaging as always. He was always in a good mood, joking, and willing to listen. You could tell in conversations he loved his family and his students. The field of education and the Havana school district lost a great educator and leader. Condolences to his family, friends, and students.*

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**Jerud Van Dyke** - November 22, 2017 at 12:36 PM

LO

“ *Jim and I have known Chris his whole life. You will never meet a nicer, friendlier guy. I am so sad for the whole family. Too many memories, Lake of the Ozarks, his wedding to Laura, and this past summer, his daughter Sam's wedding. He and his son Jeff were the best of buddies. Hunting, fishing, etc. Hugs to you all, and cherish the memories. There are many.*

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**Lynne and Jim Onken** - November 22, 2017 at 12:29 PM

CS

“ *We were truly blessed to have Coach a big part of our lives. We are so sorry for your loss be strong and know we are all here for you. Carol and Jerry Starrett*

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**Carol Starrett** - November 22, 2017 at 12:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 22, 2017 at 11:28 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Chris.*

*Robert Hahn*

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**Robert Hahn** - November 22, 2017 at 06:50 AM



“ *Dave Vaughn lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Dave Vaughn** - November 22, 2017 at 05:54 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. He was such a kind man, loved by so many.*



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**Jennifer Markley Brooks** - November 21, 2017 at 11:26 PM

AH

“ So very sorry to hear of John's passing.. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all ! May he rest in eternal peace!

angie hodgson - November 21, 2017 at 10:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.



November 21, 2017 at 10:32 PM

PM

“ One of the best men I have ever known. Loving husband and father. To Laura, Sam and Jeff you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Perry Miller - November 21, 2017 at 09:03 PM

CR

“ Very sorry for your loss...Dave and Dee Crow



Crow - November 21, 2017 at 05:58 PM

KD

“ So sorry for the loss of a great guy and cousin. So many great times hunting deer in our younger days. We hunted last weekend in his memory and thought of him often. Though we don't see each other much anymore, we are still close in our hearts. We will never forget him. Deepest condolences Kory Dunker and the rest of the pike county Dunkers

Kory Dunker - November 21, 2017 at 05:09 PM

DS

“ Delavan Staff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Christopher Dunker.



Delavan Staff - November 21, 2017 at 04:51 PM

AS

“ So very sorry for the Dunker family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Mr. Dunker was a true inspiration to all that had the pleasure to know him or have him for a teacher. He impacted so many lives including my own, I will never forget him or that smile of his.



Ashley Schaad - November 21, 2017 at 04:00 PM

YF

“ *Your Reading Recovery Friends purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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**Your Reading Recovery Friends** - November 21, 2017 at 03:58 PM

RF

“ *Reading Recovery Friends lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Reading Recovery Friends** - November 21, 2017 at 03:50 PM

TB

“ *John and Bonnie:*  
*Words are so inadequate at a time like this. I did not know Chris but have known many Dunkers and Brooks and know what a giant hole will be left in your hearts and family with such a sudden unexpected tragedy of the loss of such a good man. Shirley and my thoughts are with you and the family, and we extend those condolences in hopes of helping at this time of grief and sorrow. Dwell on the many memories you have of the good times shared with Chris, family and friends. From the other comments about his positive impact on several communities, speaks volumes about him and the high quality of his love for others. RIP Chris, your journey through life, though shorter than desired, left a legacy of love and help for your fellow man.*

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**Tom Boward** - November 21, 2017 at 03:22 PM

FM

“ Fallon, Gaige, Brooklyn, Paxtyn, Mollie lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Fallon, Gaige, Brooklyn, Paxtyn, Mollie - November 21, 2017 at 03:13 PM

FA

“ Fallon lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Fallon - November 21, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.



November 21, 2017 at 02:59 PM

 Angie  
Haarman

“ There are no words to explain the respect I have for this man. He watched as my two boys grew into fine young men, and my youngest two from birth to teens. My friend for nearly 20 years and my boss for over 9. We didn't have a boss / employee relationship but so much more. Strong when need be, but could laugh, oh could he laugh. So many memories... Calling to check on Logan after surgery, calling to check when I was literally out of my head with the flu... always making sure we knew he was there for us. Teasing me that if I couldn't make it the block to work he'd be glad to pick me up... scolding me when our Halloween decorations startled him on more than one occasion. The talent show where I choked on newspaper and fell into Chris, almost causing a domino effect. The joke about the "candy" never left the office, the laugh when he knew I had climbed up backward out of a slide so he wouldn't see me on video flying out on my head... I could go on and on. The family, my heart breaks for each of you. Laura, my friend, a void that can't be filled... Sam and Jeff, your Father was so very proud of you both ! John and Bonnie... two of the sweetest people, could only raise a man like this. The faculty of New Central, whom I still call my family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all as you look into the innocent faces who now are without their Mr. Dunker. When i made the decision to seek employment outside of the District, he told me that it was one of the hardest things he ever did, writing my reference letter. The letter itself is priceless to me now. When he would see me , he would always ask how I was, how the job was, etc. He was genuine, caring, ornery, admirable and so much more. I am still having trouble facing the reality that your life on Earth has ended, but I take comfort in knowing I will see you again. As my tears begin to fall again, I feel so lucky and so blessed to have had you in my life for so many years. You were loved Dunk, so very loved and will be missed more than you could have ever imagined. Hugs, love and prayers to you all.

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Angie Haarman - November 21, 2017 at 02:50 PM

CJ

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one, Chris. It breaks our hearts when death separates us from the ones we love so much, especially when they are as young as Chris. The Bible reminds us that God sees our pain and sadness and has promised that soon death will be swallowed up forever. (Isaiah 25:8). HE will heal our broken hearts by resurrecting our loved ones to life again (John 6:40). I hope your beautiful memories of Chris and these promises from God comfort you in the days to come.  
With deepest sympathy, Carolyn

Carolyn Joyce - November 21, 2017 at 02:35 PM

KH

“ Laura, Sam and Jeff,  
So truly sorry to hear about Chris. He was an amazing man with a heart of gold. Please know we are praying for you all.  
Tim, Kris, Bryce and Haley Hicks



Kris Hicks - November 21, 2017 at 01:53 PM

RR

“ So sorry to hear of your loss! My prayers are with you and all of your family.

Roberto Restrepo - November 21, 2017 at 01:42 PM

CP

“ Chris, Mandy, Zoe & Maggie Porter lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Chris, Mandy, Zoe & Maggie Porter - November 21, 2017 at 12:38 PM

ME

“ *Mason City Area Nursing Home & Heritage Enterprise purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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**Mason City Area Nursing Home & Heritage Enterprise -**  
November 21, 2017 at 12:31 PM

CB

“ *Christine Banks lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Christine Banks -** November 21, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 21, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 21, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the Dunker and Brooks families. Both Mike and I have known Chris in some form most of our lives and what an honor it has been. You have touched many souls over the years making forever lasting impressions. Mine favorite memory is gonna be your guys senior year and the 1985 Huskies basketball team. You graduated with my brother and were friends. You guys were celebrities to us younger classmates. I was in 8th grade when you guys fought your way to state. I will never forget the energy that was going through that whole town inspired by all of you guys talents on the floor that year and most all of you were so humble when we surrounded you in "awe". Chris especially. You were still that person as an adult. A quality most can not keep through life. RIP Chris "Dunk" "Dunker.*

*Mike and Tara Tracy*

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**Tara Tracy** - November 21, 2017 at 08:40 AM



“ *Crystal Felles lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Crystal Felles** - November 20, 2017 at 10:57 PM

TG

“ *Tim Griffin lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**tim griffin** - November 20, 2017 at 09:37 PM

TG

*Condolences to the Dunkers and extended family. Good guys like Chris will always be missed.*

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**tim griffin** - November 20, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *rest in peace you were an awesome principle i'm sorry for not waving at u all those times when you went by the house on the way to work you were an awesome friend and a awesome principle my heart and prayers go out to the family and friends good bless.*



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**Jasmine Constant** - November 20, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 20, 2017 at 05:57 PM

JE

“ *Mr. Dunker was always someone I really looked up to. He was my teacher and coach and was always there to teach you what was wrong and right. My daughters had the pleasure of having him for a principal and grew to have the same fondness for him as I did. We will all deeply miss him, he was such an amazing educator and person and to have him in our lives is something we will always cherish. I'm so sorry for the Dunker family's loss.*

*Jennifer, Graecyn, Sienna, and Ainsley- You are in our prayers*

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**Jennifer** - November 20, 2017 at 05:26 PM

AV

“ *Arlene, Sharon, Karen & Neil, Lynda, Bill & Verna purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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**Arlene, Sharon, Karen & Neil, Lynda, Bill & Verna** - November 20, 2017 at 04:43 PM

KT

“Dunker Tribe...

*I'm INSPIRED by your very tight family. Two things:*

*Coach Sullivan brought Chris to me when I was a hurdler to help tutor me...during Chris' senior year and the next year. There was no "too good to do something" with your husband, Dad, son and brother. He was just the coolest guy to me when he didn't have to be. That may sound like a platitude, but those reading this know I'm spot-on. I was four years younger than Chris but the way he treated me left a permanent mark.*

*Next, my FAVORITE basketball team of ALL time - pro, college, teams I played with or whatever...was Chris' senior year, that loaded 1984-85 MC Huskies MACHINE. What made it hysterically fun was rooting for the subs and for those cats (I mean, Huskies) to hit the century mark on the scoreboard. Those final 5 off the bench would have been AT LEAST a .500 team, and that's one of the reasons those Huskies were so good. Chris was one of the guys off the bench, and we rooted just as hard for those guys...heck, maybe even more so. It was incredibly exciting and the most fun I've ever had in a gym. Thanks for the LIFETIME memories, Huskies, and thank you CHRIS for being such a genuine, genuine heart-rooted guy.*

*Millie, Steve, John, Bonnie, Laura, Sam and Jeff...God bless you fantastic people. Always.*

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**Kevin Tholen** - November 20, 2017 at 04:31 PM

TT

*Great story and one of my all time favorite memories of the boys senior year. The 85 Huskies basket ball team will not only go down in history as one the best teams in the school's history but such a great group of guys.*

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**Tara Tracy** - November 21, 2017 at 08:45 AM

KT

*TARA you nailed it are so right! Chris and the rest of that crew were celebrities to you and me and our fellow 8th graders!!*

**Kevin Tholen** - November 22, 2017 at 02:55 PM

SB

*“ We are so sorry for your loss. Chris was such an inspiration to our young kids and such an awesome educator. He will truly be missed.*



**Scott & Sheryl Budke** - November 20, 2017 at 03:01 PM

TI

*“ one of my most favorite teachers.. my deepest condolences to the family and those closest to him in this time of sorrow.. i will always remember being in his history class and study hall.. in jr high so many years ago. This was where i was during (9/11) he made sure we were informed and were ok.. he was my track coach, so many years and generations have been blessed to have him .*



**Tina** - November 20, 2017 at 02:51 PM

OS

*“ Our Deepest Sympathy purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



**Our Deepest Sympathy** - November 20, 2017 at 02:43 PM

CS

“ Courtney, Aaron, Darian & Gabe Session lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



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**Courtney, Aaron, Darian & Gabe Session** - November 20, 2017 at 02:27 PM

SA

“ Thoughts and prayers are with everyone.  
Todd and Shelly Arnold



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**Shelly Arnold** - November 20, 2017 at 02:01 PM

KN

“ I had the pleasure of working with Chris through out my years with the Havana Police Dept. Chris was a great man and fellow public servant. It is a grave loss for us and a community. Our condolences to the Dunker Family. God Bless.  
Kevin & Kelly Noble.



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**Kevin & Kelly Noble** - November 20, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ All of our condolences to Mr. Dunkers family. And a huge loss for the community. We send love and strength at this time. You will stay in our thoughts. Nancy, Ibrahim, Kadair and Hakim OUEDRAOGO (Esarey) Nancy (Mr Dunker’s 1992 3rd grade class and 1995 6th grade class - he was really good at teaching and cultivating our minds; he also spoke of social justice and racial equality). You will be missed Mr Dunker and thanks for everything.

Nancy Ouedraogo - November 20, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ Nathan, Michelle, Jordyn, Breezy and Josie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Christopher Dunker.



Nathan, Michelle, Jordyn, Breezy and Josie - November 20, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ Havana Girls Basketball Program purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Christopher Dunker.



Havana Girls Basketball Program - November 20, 2017 at 11:15 AM

SB

“ Sue Brummell lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



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**Sue Brummell** - November 20, 2017 at 10:30 AM

SB

*Laura, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Sue Brummell** - November 20, 2017 at 10:31 AM

JL

“ Jennifer Lippert lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



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**Jennifer Lippert** - November 20, 2017 at 09:40 AM

NE

“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



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**Nancy Elliott** - November 20, 2017 at 09:34 AM

RW

“ Randy & Joy Ward lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



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**Randy & Joy Ward** - November 20, 2017 at 09:13 AM



“ The passing of Chris I know will leave a hole in your family. like many others I got to know him as a teacher of my 3 sons and a basketball coach. I found him tough when needed and understanding. He encouraged them to always move forward in finding their strength. As time went on I also got to know his family, like him they all were kind and loving people. This will be hard steps to walk now without him by your side, prayers for all of you.



*Kim & Dale Branscum*

*Christopher Kolves*

*Brent Kolves*

*Clinton Kolves*

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**Kim Noble-Branscum** - November 20, 2017 at 09:10 AM

MG

“ We are deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Mr. Dunker. Our thoughts and prayers to Laura, Sam, Jeff and the rest of the Dunker family. He was such a kind, gentle soul. Mr. Dunker has made an impact on so many young people over the years. He would do anything to help improve the life of a child. He will be missed by so many. We are so sorry for your loss Laura.



*Damon, Marcie, and Deagan*

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**Marcie Ganson** - November 20, 2017 at 08:54 AM

DB

“ Damon Brown, Marcie Ganson, and Deagan Brown purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Christopher Dunker.



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**Damon Brown, Marcie Ganson, and Deagan Brown** -  
November 20, 2017 at 08:47 AM

MR

“ Samantha and family, I send my sympathy and prayers. I just learned of your dad's passing. My heart aches for all of you. May you be supported in love and care during these difficult days. Sr. Marilyn Jean

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**Marilyn Runkel** - November 20, 2017 at 01:23 AM

CH

“ *Charles Hunter lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Charles Hunter** - November 20, 2017 at 12:25 AM

TS

“ *Tracie Simmermaker lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Tracie Simmermaker** - November 19, 2017 at 09:43 PM

BD

“ *Bobbi Davis lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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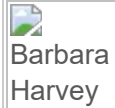
**Bobbi Davis** - November 19, 2017 at 08:56 PM

GR

“ *Laurie, Samantha, & Jeff, my heart aches for you and the loss of Chris. He warmly welcomed me and accepted me as a fellow educator, friend of the family, and a newbie around people he knew. What an awesome man!!*

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**Ginny Pietrzak Ramage** - November 19, 2017 at 08:51 PM



“ *Barbara Harvey lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Barbara Harvey** - November 19, 2017 at 08:18 PM



*My deepest sympathy to John, Bonnie, Laura, Sam, Jeff, Millie and Steve. We are so sorry for your loss. Chris was such a terrific person and will be missed by all that knew him. Our hearts are filled with sadness for you and your families.*

*Steve and Barbara Harvey*

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**Barbara Harvey** - November 19, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mia Cook lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Mia Cook** - November 19, 2017 at 06:42 PM

SF

“ *Steve & Sharon Alexander & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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**Steve & Sharon Alexander & Family** - November 19, 2017 at 06:37 PM

KL

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Chris was one of the sweetest, kindest boys in our class. From the love that is pouring out it doesn't sound like Chris changed a bit. My deepest condolences go out to Bonnie, John and your family. May God give you the peace that passes all understanding.

Kelly Pankey Lowe - November 19, 2017 at 05:39 PM

TM

“ Troy & Laura McClure lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Troy & Laura McClure - November 19, 2017 at 05:37 PM

MF

“ My heart is filled with deep sadness and tears flow from my heart to all of yours! I am headed to the Cathedral in Peoria now to pray in thanksgiving for Chris's life, for your family's pain and all those beautiful children, who will miss him so tomorrow at school! My hugs to you, Marty Frederickson

Marty Frederickson - November 19, 2017 at 03:48 PM

JK

“ Jill Kendall lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



jill kendall - November 19, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JK

“ John, Bonnie, Millie and Steve and Laura Sam and Jeff, I'm so sorry to hear about Chris he was a great guy and will be greatly missed, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.



jill kendall - November 19, 2017 at 02:24 PM

TJ

“ I am so sorry for your family. I never knew John; but, I was a friend of his parents when I lived in Mason City back in the '60's. I will light a candle at St. Mary's in Mokena. Ted Jennings



Ted Jennings - November 19, 2017 at 02:19 PM

RF

“ Ron and Diane Ebken and Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John Christopher Dunker.



Ron and Diane Ebken and Family - November 19, 2017 at 01:24 PM

LW

“ Lori And Danny Wright lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker

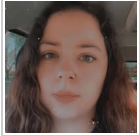


Lori and Danny Wright - November 19, 2017 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ Chris was a dear sweet person. He adored his family and always had a smile for everyone he met. He truly cared about his students and they knew it. My heart breaks for Laura, Sam and Jeff. My prayers are with you.

Janet Barker - November 19, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ Mr. Dunker was my teacher in jr high. He was a favorite of mine. Always willing to help any one of his students and was someone that would listen if you were needing someone to talk to. Such a good man! You will be missed



Sara Victor - November 19, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ Mr. Dunker will certainly be missed and his impact far reaching.

*He was always willing to help no matter the cost and had the best stories.*

*Dunk would listen to you blow off steam and yet do what he could to get you smiling again.*

*He will indeed be missed.*

Tyler Wood - November 19, 2017 at 11:02 AM

BC

“ Thoughts and Prayers to all Family and Friends.

*The Closes*

Bryan Close - November 19, 2017 at 11:01 AM

KL

“ Laura, I just want you to know I am thinking about you and your family. I am very sorry for your loss, keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Lynn - November 19, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ Oh my goodness! My stomach is in knots. Mr Dunker was a great person all around! He lived his life loving it and everyone around him. What a great influence he was. Just watching him do his thing at the school gave me goosebumps because it was just so amazing! He cared for all those kids and faculty/staff. I have known him since 6th grade. I remember his excitement when his first child, Sam, was born. I was so excited bc her and I have the same birthday. He shared his family life with us and treated us as his family! I will never forget you Mr. D. A piece of our hearts are missing!

Brooke Marie - November 19, 2017 at 10:22 AM

CA

“ I will miss seeing him around. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Never forgot any of his students and always asked about them, no matter how long ago he had taught them in school. H was one of a kind and will be missed.  
Connie Atchison.



Connie Atchison - November 19, 2017 at 09:54 AM

DA

“ John & Bonnie so sorry to hear about your son John. We know the sudden passing is very difficult. Our prayers are with you and your family. Dean & Judie Anderson.

Dean Anderson - November 19, 2017 at 08:48 AM

SE

“ *Sending prayers and hugs for your family Laura. Chris always talked about you and the kids with pride and love. He was a positive influence on so many students and I enjoyed working with him for so many years in Havana. My heart goes out to you at this time.* ”

Susan (Hayes) Estoye - November 19, 2017 at 08:34 AM

RT

“ *Rosie Tebben lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker* ”



Rosie Tebben - November 19, 2017 at 08:13 AM

PB

“ *Pat Beadle lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker* ”



Pat Beadle - November 19, 2017 at 07:43 AM

CH

“ *Cathy Howard lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker* ”



Cathy Howard - November 19, 2017 at 06:56 AM

DM

“ *The world lost a good man and I lost a friend. Every decision he made at school was putting the kids first. Some people work at a job and others are called. Dunk cared for kids. He loved his family and always shared experiences they had together. My thoughts and prayers go out to Laura, Sam, Jeff and his Mom and Dad.* ”

David McKinney - November 19, 2017 at 06:23 AM

TL

“ *Todd, Christina, Sierra And Alexis Lassw lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker* ”



Todd, Christina, Sierra and Alexis Lassw - November 19, 2017 at 01:11 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. He will be missed by many.* ”



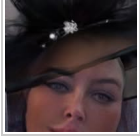
Kathy Munsch - November 19, 2017 at 12:38 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. He was an amazing principal to my children and an amazing teacher to me.* ”



Aisling Boone - November 19, 2017 at 12:35 AM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to all Family and Friends. Chris was such an inspiration to so many. Thinking of you John, Bonnie, Millie, and Steve, and of course Chris wife and kids. RIP.

Amy McDewell - November 19, 2017 at 12:21 AM

NV

“ Nancy Damon, Jed And Jer Vance lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Nancy Damon, Jed and Jer Vance - November 19, 2017 at 12:17 AM

ND

“ Nancy Damon lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Nancy Damon - November 18, 2017 at 11:56 PM

ND

*It is with great sadness to hear of the loss of Mr. Dunker...he was always there for me and my boys during our years at Havana School District. May love and prayers get Laura, Sam, Jeff, and family through this difficult time.*

*God Bless you all...Nancy Damon and sons...Jedediah and Jeremiah Vance*

Nancy Damon - November 19, 2017 at 12:03 AM

ND

*Love and prayers for Laura, Sam, Jeff, and family during this difficult time...Nancy and sons...Jedediah and Jeremiah Vance*

**Nancy Damon** - November 19, 2017 at 12:10 AM

ND

*and sons...Jedediah and Jeremiah Vance*

**Nancy Damon** - November 19, 2017 at 12:13 AM



“ *Kelly Vaughn Cleesen lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



**Kelly Vaughn Cleesen** - November 18, 2017 at 11:17 PM

PG

“ *Deepest sympathies to the Dunker Families. He will missed by all who knew him.*



**Patty Gilbreath** - November 18, 2017 at 11:15 PM

TB

“ *Tara, Corey, Codey, Breleigh & Blake lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



**Tara, Corey, Codey, Breleigh & Blake** - November 18, 2017 at 11:13 PM

ND

“ I am so sadden with the loss of Mr. Dunker...he was always there for me and my boys during my 8 years employed with the Havana School District. May love and prayers get Laura, Sam, Jeff, and family through this difficult time.

God Bless you all...Nancy Damon and boys...Jedediah & Jeremiah Vance..<3



Nancy Damon - November 18, 2017 at 11:01 PM

SM

“ Stacy Mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Stacy Mcdaniel - November 18, 2017 at 10:59 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Dunker was an amazing man. My heart goes out to you all.

Whitney Richardson - November 18, 2017 at 10:28 PM

SB

“ Summer Brown lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Summer Brown - November 18, 2017 at 10:20 PM

CV

“ Charlotte (seward) Veronesi lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



charlotte (seward) veronesi - November 18, 2017 at 10:13 PM

DL

“ Dale And Becky Lynn lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Dale and Becky Lynn - November 18, 2017 at 09:53 PM

MT

“ Prayers for Laura & family. Chris was a great role model for kids and families and will be missed. He touched a lot of hearts. Michelle, Eric, Brandon, & Alison Tibbs

Michelle Tibbs - November 18, 2017 at 09:49 PM

BM

“ I will always remember in conversation with Chris how much he must have loved his family. Bonnie, John and Laura's names were always in some way at the center of who he was. A true life lesson for all of us! And aside from Brad Beenders, Chris had the boniest, most razor-like sharp elbows of any MC Huskie to ever proudly put on the pinstripes. You never wanted to be near him after a strong rebound unless of course you were a Havana Duck and then it was ok. To the entire family so very sorry for your loss. Bruce Miller

Bruce Miller - November 18, 2017 at 09:36 PM

DD

“ *DeeAnna Damm lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**DeeAnna Damm** - November 18, 2017 at 09:33 PM

LS

“ *Lynne Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Lynne Shoemaker** - November 18, 2017 at 09:28 PM

HP

“ *My prayers are with Laura, Sam, and Jeff. Such a terrible loss for District #126.*



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**Heidi Pemberton** - November 18, 2017 at 09:09 PM

SN

*John and Bonnie so sorry for your loss our thought and prayers are with you and your family Doug and Sue Newman*

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**Sue And Doug Newman** - November 18, 2017 at 11:08 PM

JR

“ He was a great influence to all kids & never forgot any of them. My kids thought a lot of him and so didn't the rest of the family. My prayers go out to the family that God be with them through this difficult time. He will sadly be missed.



**Jamie, Cathy, Gilbert & Jacob Robison** - November 18, 2017 at 09:08 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family Chris impacted all my family in one way or another he will be greatly missed



**Ruth Lippert** - November 18, 2017 at 08:54 PM

AL

“ Alyssa (Garrett) Loftis lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



**Alyssa (Garrett) Loftis** - November 18, 2017 at 08:25 PM

 Brandy Burgett

“ Brandy Burgett lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



**Brandy Burgett** - November 18, 2017 at 08:22 PM

Brandy  
Burgett

“ He was the *BEST* teacher I ever had. He was one of a kind. I remember him bringing in some MREs to class in 6th grade to show us what it was like to eat in the Army. He will be greatly missed by so many. My prayers and thoughts are with you Laura, Samantha and Jeff.

Brandy Burgett - November 18, 2017 at 08:20 PM

JE

“ Jeff Elam lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Jeff Elam - November 18, 2017 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ So sad that a good friend and wonderful person has left us so soon. We had some great conversations and shared some stories during the three years I coached his son Jeff. He was an excellent educator. My heart is saddened by this. Prayers and thoughts are with his family. Happy hunting and keep your ax sharp big guy because you always need fire wood!

Johnie H. Meisner - November 18, 2017 at 08:16 PM

SL

“ Shannon, Kami, Kira And Kali Lynn lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Shannon, Kami, Kira and Kali Lynn - November 18, 2017 at 08:16 PM

PP

“ Pam Pratt lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



Pam Pratt - November 18, 2017 at 08:09 PM

PP

Laura and family so sorry for your loss. Mr. Dunker was a wonderful Principle. I watched him be very strict in correcting children but he never let them leave the office without pointing out there good points. That is what made him such a special man. You all are in my prayers.

Pam Pratt - November 18, 2017 at 08:14 PM

Jen Jones Duckwiler

“ Prayers for everyone.



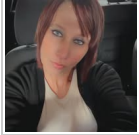
Jen Jones Duckwiler - November 18, 2017 at 08:07 PM

HF

“ Prayer to his family, friends and students. He was a great man...



Heath & Jade Nunn & Family - November 18, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ *Angel Kiestler lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Angel Kiestler** - November 18, 2017 at 07:59 PM

PB

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Laura, Samantha, and Jeff as well as John, Bonnie and family. Chris was like a brother to me when I was in Havana teaching and coaching. We spent many weekends fishing or hunting and enjoying each other's company.*

*I can't express in words how much I appreciated him taking me hunting and fishing. We both had a great love for the outdoors and developed a true friendship.*

*Thoughts and prayers from The Beadle Family.*

*Pat, Martha, and Michael*

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**Pat Beadle** - November 18, 2017 at 07:39 PM

GB

“ *Gaileh (Gideon) Barrow lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Gaileh (Gideon) Barrow** - November 18, 2017 at 07:39 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Brooks lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



Kathy Brooks - November 18, 2017 at 07:39 PM

Kalynn Pherigo

“ *Kalynn Pherigo lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



Kalynn Pherigo - November 18, 2017 at 07:36 PM

Michelle Nelson

“ *Michelle Nelson lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



Michelle Nelson - November 18, 2017 at 07:31 PM

RK

“ *I was saddened to hear of Chris's passing. We went thru school together and graduated together. We had so much fun in high school. He was a great man. My sympathies to his family.*



Rhonda (cargill) Karr - November 18, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 18, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Peggy Malott lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Peggy Malott** - November 18, 2017 at 06:45 PM



“ *Rochelle Schnoor lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Rochelle Schnoor** - November 18, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



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**Dan and Chris Wilson** - November 18, 2017 at 06:33 PM

HW

“ So very sorry to see this. My brother was close friends with Laura and I remember when she and John were married. I was in Joey's class when I lived in Havana. U extend my sincere condolences to Laura and all the family.

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**Heather Waterfield** - November 18, 2017 at 06:32 PM

BT

“ Laura,  
"Dunk" was a great man. My children attended his classes at the junior high and their children attend New Central. My whole family has had him in our life for the 27 years he has taught and been principal. Chris was always understanding and willing to help anyone. I interviewed with him for a reading para back about 8 years ago. He asked me what I plan on doing in 10 years! My answer "Sitting in the sun on a beach somewhere!" We laughed and he said "that's not what I wanted to hear but it sounds good to me!" and you know his smile when he is trying not to laugh ...of, course I didn't get the job because he wanted someone who was going to last longer than that. You know you and the kids are in our prayers and if there is anything I can do for you...please call. We love you all.



Sincerely,  
The Tylers

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**Billie Tyler** - November 18, 2017 at 06:28 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Laura, Sam and Jeff and the rest of the family. Mr. Dunker will forever be remembered by so many people that he was such a role model for. He always had a smile for each child that walked into the grade school and always waved at them making them feel important and making school a fun place to be. He was a wonderful caring man and always made you smile or wave when you saw him. Heaven gained an angel and a role model for all.



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**The Shults family** - November 18, 2017 at 06:26 PM

MV

“ Marie Villaruel lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



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**Marie Villaruel** - November 18, 2017 at 06:25 PM

RS

“ Richard Smith lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker



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**richard smith** - November 18, 2017 at 06:19 PM

ML

“ *My sympathy and prayers to the family. I am so sorry for your loss.*



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**Melody Lynn** - November 18, 2017 at 06:18 PM

 Katie Conner

“ *My heart hurts for Chris's family. Such a loss. May you be surrounded by love. Katie Conner*

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**Katie Conner** - November 18, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ *GrandmaJulie Richardson lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**GrandmaJulie Richardson** - November 18, 2017 at 06:16 PM



*Chris was the best boss ever. He was a great colleague and terrific friend. I've had the pleasure of working with him for many years and couldn't have asked for a better boss. My thoughts, prayers and sympathy go out to Laura, Sam, Jeff, the rest of his family, all his friends, staff and our students who will miss him dearly.*

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**GrandmaJulie Richardson** - November 18, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 18, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *I will always miss waving at You and waving back with a BIG smile when we would pass each other while out driving about town. Just always know you will always be in Mine and the Boy's Heart!*

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**Chrissy Huynh** - November 18, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Barb Rodgers** - November 18, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John Christopher Dunker.*



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November 18, 2017 at 05:12 PM

KG

“ Chris and I taught and coached together for several years at Havana Jr. High. We both learned a lot from each other. He was one of a kind, and I mean that in the most positive way. Mentor, husband, father, son, friend. He was at the top of the list in all those categories. It is gut wrenching to realize that I will never get to sit down and shoot the breeze with him again. He was extremely proud of his children and rightfully so. The ultimate family man. Chris was the epitome of the word role model for kids. He was a terrific influence on my own sons, Zach and Zane. As a coach he loved his players and they would run through a brick wall for him if he asked them to. And he was a friend who would be there any time of day or night if asked for help. To say he will be missed is possibly the biggest understatement I could ever make. RIP Dunk. And to John, Bonnie, Laura, Sam, and Jeff, my sincere condolences.  
Kent Gray

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**Kent Gray** - November 18, 2017 at 05:06 PM

 Lisa Jill  
Ulrich  
Thompson

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Chris Dunker. Mr. Dunker was a great family orientated man  
, coach, college, teacher, neighbor, & a man of reason. Our community is lost without this man in leadership. Praying for peace, comfort & understanding. Respectfully, Roger & Lisa Thompson



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**Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson** - November 18, 2017 at 04:58 PM

SS

“ Laura and family so sorry for your loss. Chris was a amazing man in the eyes of the young and older. He will always be remember for his thoughtfulness and leadership he showed to so many in our community.

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**Susan Showalter** - November 18, 2017 at 04:54 PM


SS

“ *Susan Showalter lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Susan Showalter** - November 18, 2017 at 04:51 PM

 Linda Kiestler

“ *Linda Kiestler lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Linda Kiestler** - November 18, 2017 at 04:50 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of John Christopher Dunker*



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**Vickie Bagby** - November 18, 2017 at 03:56 PM