



Allen E. Black

December 31, 1952 - June 18, 2025

Allen E. Black, 72, of rural Akron, Indiana passed at 11:10 am, Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at his residence.

Allen was born on December 31, 1952 in Oceanside, California to the late Gene and Margaret (Hodges) Black. He was a 1971 graduate of Akron High School. He then furthered his education at Lincoln Tech in Indianapolis. He married on May 12, 1973 in Walnut Church of the Brethren of Argos to Janet K. Burns, she survives.

Allen dedicated 26 years to Pierceton Trucking Company in Laketon, where he began as a diesel mechanic and rose to the position of shop foreman. During his time there, he became a proud member of the Teamsters Union. He later joined Kerlin Bus Sales, where he spent over two decades as a Road Tech handling warranty work before retiring in 2021.

A passionate train enthusiast, Allen was an active member of the Central Indiana Yard Masters, the Erie Lackawanna Railroad Historical Society, the National Model Railroad Association, and the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum in North Judson. He found joy in exploring train museums and especially loved going railfanning on vacations.

He also had a deep appreciation for firearms and the camaraderie of the

shooting community. As a dedicated member of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) and the NRA, Allen traveled far and wide to participate in shooting competitions.

At heart, Allen was a big kid who embraced life with joy. One of his favorite sayings was, “To grow old is inevitable, to grow up is optional—and I choose to not use that option.” He cherished time with family and was known for his warmth, kindness, and the effortless way he connected with people. His hearty, infectious laugh could fill any room.

He is survived by his wife Janet Black of Akron; daughter Nichole and wife Maria Groschup-Black of San Diego, California; son Ryan and wife Angie Black of Akron; Grandchildren Isaac, Nathan, Austin, Cody, and Conner; Great Grandson Roman; sister Amy Black of Akron and Arissa and husband Dan “Jake” Grossman of Akron; and brother Henry “Hank” and wife Sue Black of Warsaw.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents, brother Amber Black, and sister Althea Black.

The funeral service will be held on 10:30 am, Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Teri White officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Nichols Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm, Monday, June 23, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Beaver Dam

Community Church with the memo to Wheels on Fire or to Gentiva Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Nichols Cemetery

Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Allen E. Black



Hartzler Funeral Services - June 20, 2025 at 04:31 PM

DB

“ I met Allen through the NMRA Michiana Division and will always remember him fondly, especially his laugh and good friendship. Rest eternal grant unto Allen, Oh Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May he rest in Christ's peace.

Daniel Brewer - July 01, 2025 at 02:34 PM

DC

“ May you find peace and comfort in the love of those who care about you.
Holding you close in thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*My Sincere Sympathy,
Deb Carr*

Deb Carr - June 24, 2025 at 02:05 AM

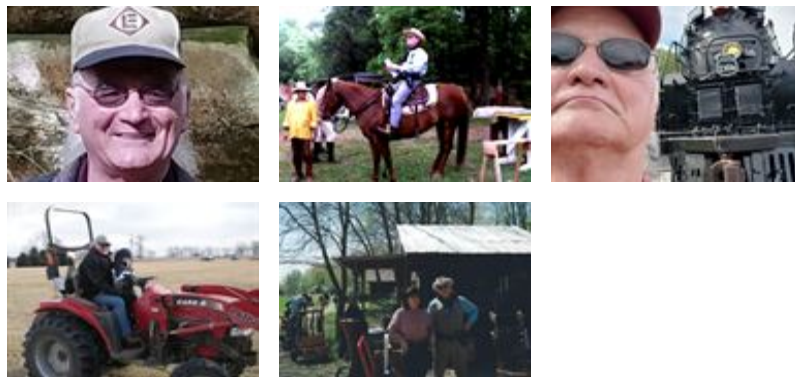
RB

“ Janet, so sorry to hear of your loss. Allen and you were great friends to me during a difficult time of my life. I will never forget your kindness. May you and the family know God's comfort and peace during this time of loss.

Rose M. Berger - June 20, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



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JY

“ Allen and I met through the Model Railroad community and became fast friends, both sharing a passion for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad. We made several road trips together to historical society symposiums and ops weekends Like most people in this world when sharing a hotel room they claim "...I don't snore...! Uh, yeah right Allen!!! One word - EARPLUGS! We also carpooled countless times to op sessions in the local area, always engaging in lively conversations about life. Besides Allen himself, I will miss those car rides the most. He was a true friend. Condolences to all his family and wide circle of friends

Jeffrey Youst - June 20, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Allen E. Black.



June 19, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Allen E. Black.



June 19, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Allen E. Black.

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