



## Dr. Charles David Osborn

June 18, 1941 - May 2, 2021

Dr. Charles David Osborn, 79, of Rock Lake, Akron, Ind. and formerly of Kokomo, Ind. passed on Sunday, May 2, 2021 surrounded by his family on the property that he cherished for over 70 years.

Charles was born on June 18, 1941 in Kokomo, Indiana to the late Fredius Carmen and Evelyn Francis (Sutton) Osborn. He married on Oct. 6, 1974 in Greenwood, Indiana to Beverly Sue Astell, who survives.

Charles was a 1959 graduate of Kokomo High School. He earned his Bachelors, Masters, Specialist, and Doctoral degrees from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He began his teaching career as an English teacher at Fremont High School. Charles then became the Reading Specialist for Kokomo High School. After his Post-Doctoral work, he became the Curriculum Director for the State of Indiana, and eventually assuming the role of School Superintendent for Attica Consolidated Schools, Clay County Schools, Crisp County Schools in Cordele, Georgia, and Gwinn Area Community Schools in Gwinn, Michigan. He retired from his over forty year career back with children as an Administrator for DeKalb County Schools in DeKalb, Georgia. He enjoyed working with children and made a difference in many lives.

After retiring, Charles loved to travel, which he had done quite a bit in his

youth. He also enjoyed working with flowers and making arrangements for his family and friends. He was a woodworking hobbyist and a craftsman restorer, making many projects beloved by his family. Charles enjoyed playing the organ, which he performed in church and at home, and was fond of classical music. He had a special way of stretching stories and entertaining friends and family of all ages, but most especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Beverly Osborn of Akron, Ind.; children Richard Osborn of Sheridan, Ind.; Stacey and husband Stephen Swanson of Charlotte, North Carolina; Erin and husband Ahmed Chater Jr. of Orefield, Pennsylvania; grandchildren Olivia Swanson, Charles Chater, and Samuel Chater; sister-in-law Joyce Astell of Russiaville, Ind.; niece Ailsa and husband Paul Getts and children Ariana Getts, Bronwyn Getts of Kokomo, Ind.; nephew Joel Thomas and children Seth Thomas, Sabine Thomas, Asa Thomas, and Beatrix Thomas of Wabash, Ind.; special family friends the Dr. Charles Miller Family, and his pride of cats.

Charles is preceded by his parents, daughter-in-law Lea Ann Osborn; and brother-in-law Michael Astell.

The funeral service will take place at 5 pm, Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

He will be laid to rest in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery of Kokomo, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be from 3 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Donations can be made in Charles' memory to the donor's choice of Humane Society or to Kindred Hospice.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Charles David Osborn



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 04, 2021 at 08:06 PM

JM

*Thank you sir for making English class at Fremont High fun!*

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**Jan Clark McLaughlin** - May 24, 2021 at 08:49 PM

AK

*To Dr. Osborne family, so sorry to hear about his passing. He was such a joy to work with. He always had Diet cokes and KK donuts for the staff. I know you are keeping them laughing in heaven. We love you and you knew it. Angela King staff member of Dresden Elementary Chamblee (Atlanta) GA*

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**Angela D king** - April 29, 2023 at 12:57 PM

DM

“ Acknowledgment: *Dr. Charles David Osborn's Contribution to Our Spelling Bee Winners*

*Dr. Charles David Osborn donated 8 beautiful watches to several winners in the Spelling Bee at the DeKalb International Student Center. He is no longer with us, but his legacy lives on.*

*During his tenure as an administrator at Dresden Elementary School, he enjoyed working with children and made a difference in the lives of many, as referenced in his obituary. On several occasions, he donated beautiful flower arrangements for school programs, especially for the annual Spelling Bees. Additionally, he gave gift watches to the second-place winners and \$100.00 cash to the winners of the Spelling Bees.*

*Today, although he passed away more than a year ago, Dr. Osborn continues to make a difference in the lives of children. I am grateful to Dr. Osborn's widow, Beverly Osborn, for continuing his legacy by rewarding our students with gift watches for a job well done.*

*Thank you, Mrs. Osborn!*

*Debra J. Mines*

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**Debra J. Mines** - January 22, 2023 at 11:38 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Gordon Lee** - February 05, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 05, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Beverly, Rick, Stacy, Steve, Olivia, Erin, Ahmed Jr. Charlie and Sam. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Wishing you strength to face ahead and loving memories of Charles to live in your hearts forever. Remembering the good times visiting with him in PA. He made the best bread/rolls, told jokes, and engaged in meaningful conversations to include politics and Jokes. Sorry we could not be present. He will be missed. God Bless. Fondest Love. Indra, Ahmed and Natasha Chater.*

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**Indra Chater** - May 05, 2021 at 10:50 AM



*To Beverly & The Osborn family: My favorite teacher in Kokomo High School in Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. Osborn was my reading lab teacher in 1969-1972. We became friends! I was his teacher's pad! In class, he allow me to set up the movie projector & I did errands for him! Dr. Osborn, I didn't think he was married at the time, used to go to my parents restaurant, The China Clipper, with his mother. I remembered writing to Mr. Osborn years ago but I had lost contact with him. Dr. Charles D. Osborn, my favorite teacher, Rest In Peace!*

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**Gordon Lee** - February 05, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 05, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Dear Bev and family,  
We were neighbors on South Main St. In Kokomo, IN. So very sorry to hear about your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace to your family.  
God Bless you and your family,  
Ron Thomas and family*

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**Ron Thomas** - May 05, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



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May 05, 2021 at 09:57 AM

KM

“ *Saying goodbye to a great one today.  
Rock Lake simply won't be the same without Charles David Osborn.  
I'm coming to terms with the fact that there won't be any more long  
evenings on the deck solving all of the world's problems.  
He was such a great friend and would always do absolutely  
anything for those he loved.  
It has been wonderful for our family to be included in that group and  
to have been recipients of his boundless kindness countless times  
over the years.  
His definitely was a life well lived.  
He will be missed.  
Rest easy David.*



*Scott and Kelly Miller*



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**Kelly Miller** - May 05, 2021 at 08:04 AM

JC

“ *Jeanne Swygart McCarty And Tonya Clark lit  
a candle in memory of Dr. Charles David  
Osborn*

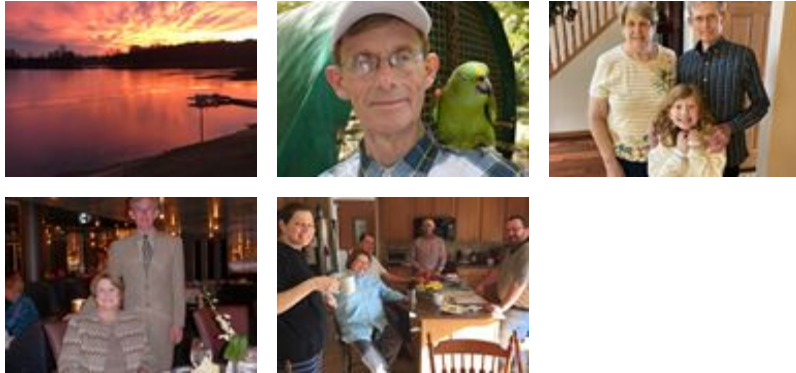


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**Jeanne swygart McCarty and Tonya clark** - May 04, 2021 at 08:09 PM



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 04, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.



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May 04, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.



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May 04, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



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May 04, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**stacey swanson** - May 04, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Dear Beverly and family,*

*How sad to learn of the passing of your beloved Dr. Charles. Our sincerest sympathies to all Osborn, and extended families. Our thoughts, prayers, and fond memories of the Osborn's in the Gwinn area have, and will remain with all Yelich family for our lifetime.*

*May Our Lord be with you, and Bless you all.*

*Our Love,*

*Tom, Dianne, Crystal and Kimberly*

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**Tom Yelich** - May 04, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



May 04, 2021 at 01:51 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



May 03, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



May 03, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



May 03, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



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May 03, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles David Osborn.*



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May 03, 2021 at 08:46 AM