



## Asa Duane Dunnington Jr.

March 6, 2026

Asa Duane Dunnington, Jr., (1939 - 2026), 86, of Anderson, Indiana, passed away on March 6, 2026, after a short illness and hemorrhagic stroke. Asa Duane was born in Logan, Iowa, as the oldest child of Asa Duane Dunnington, Sr., and May Agnes Palmer. He was the big brother to Judy and Dorrette "Dorrie". The Dunningtons moved to El Monte, California, around 1943, and Duane loved growing up in Los Angeles County. He rode his bike all over LA County. His best friend, Joe, lived behind them and was from Mexico. Duane learned fluent Spanish from Mrs. Montanez, who was like another mother to him. He loved eating at their house and even went to Mexico with their family. Asa Duane was Duane most of the first half of his life, and when he moved to Indiana, he decided to be called Asa.

Baseball was his favorite thing to do as a young boy. He ate, slept, and breathed baseball and was on the varsity baseball team at El Monte High School. As an adult, he umpired for the minor leagues and umpired hundreds of baseball and softball games. His name fit in well with the A.S.A. - American Softball Association.

He met and married Rae Nell Long (1930 - 2015) when they were 18, and they were so in love. They were married on August 28, 1957, in El Monte, California. Three children blessed their marriage: David, Jill, and Steven. While working for Mattel, he became best friends with Doug Blaser, who

introduced their family to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He and Rae Nell were baptized on Christmas Day 1971, and sealed on January 11, 1975, in the Los Angeles, CA LDS Temple (being "sealed" is a belief that priesthood power binds a marriage to exist beyond the grave). Duane has a strong testimony of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Dunningtons lived in California, Virginia, Oklahoma, and Indiana. Duane and Rae Nell divorced in the early 1990's, and she moved to Oklahoma, and he stayed in Indiana. Duane believed that sealing power could still bind his family together forever, and he expressed that he knew they would be together forever.

A few places Duane worked were for Mattel Toy Company, he was Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's Lead Advance Man until Watergate broke out, and he worked at FedEx loading truck cargo into airplanes and could outperform the 20 and 30-year-old workers when he was in his 70s, just before retirement.

Asa met Cheryl Lynn Stubelt (1949-2026), on a country music dating service where they were matched up on the phone. The "phone-dated" for quite some time and then decided to meet and go on an official date. Cheryl had other loose ends to tie up and called him again after 6 months. They courted, knew they were in love, and married on December 29, 2001. Two years later, they were sealed in the Louisville, Kentucky LDS Temple. She passed away exactly nine weeks before he did, and he is so happy to see her again. Asa took care of Cheryl for the last several years while she declined from Alzheimer's Disease. When she was in the memory care unit, he spent every hour he could with her, holding her hand, feeding her, and napping with her. He was so lonely without Cheryl these last few weeks. He has a zest for life and a strong desire to live wasn't wanting to go yet.

Survivors include, David (Lorraine) Dunnington; their children, Meredith (Josh) and son, August of South Bend, IN; Garrett of Portland, OR, Andrew (Luna) of Redondo Beach, CA; Jill (David) Aguirre, and their children, Summer,

Christian, Isaiah, and Autumn White of Tulsa, OK; and Steven (Sherry) Dunnington, and their children, Wyatt and Brooke of Broken Arrow, OK. He is also survived by sisters, Judy (Bud deceased 2011) Cradic of Santa Ana, CA; and Dorrette "Dorrie" (Bob, deceased 2011) Jacob of Lake Havasu City, AZ.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 10:00 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Matthew Kimberlin officiating. Services will be handled under the direction of Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory. Burial will be in the Grovelawn Cemetery, Pendleton, Indiana.

[www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grovelawn Cemetery

Pendleton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ I met Asa last year when I purchased his home. My son and I visited him several times over the last year. He and my son became fast friends at the closing of the house. Asa mentioned he had worked for Fed Ex and my son drew him a logo of FedEx. I enjoyed hearing him talk about his past experiences and his outlaw father in law. He was an extraordinary man. My condolences to his family for your loss.

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**Beth Walker** - March 13 at 10:27 AM

DA

“ Remembering the many family reunions and gatherings Duane inspired with his visits to us here in Wisconsin. Love and sympathy to Duane's family and friends from the children of Don & Marion Dunnington: Dennis & Pam Dunnington, Doug & Carrie Dunnington, Jim & Rae Jean Dunnington, Debbie & Brad Aumann, Mary Thomsen

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**Debbie Aumann** - March 12 at 08:40 PM

DA

“ Our sympathies to Duane's family and friends. I always admired Duane's dedication to Dunnington family history and his excitement at each new discovery. I loved listening to those stories of my ancestors and how he was able to unearth them. Rest in God's peace, cousin. Love, Debbie & Brad Aumann

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**Debbie Aumann** - March 12 at 08:17 PM

JC

“ He was the best brother to Judy Cradic and Dorrie Jacob that we could of ever had. We are going to miss him tremendously. Our love always!

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**Judy Cradic** - March 10 at 11:08 PM

VP

“ Virginia Palmer purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Asa Duane Dunnington Jr..



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**Virginia Palmer** - March 10 at 08:53 PM

LK

“ Asa and Cheryl attended The Alzheimer’s Support Group held at the Education Center, Community Hospital, Anderson, IN. since 2018. Asa was always wanting to learn how he could better care for Cheryl. There surely will be a void in our support group. Asa will indeed be missed by all who knew him.  
Gary and Lorraine Keith

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**Lorraine Keith** - March 10 at 04:29 PM