



## Robert Abshire

October 19, 2023

Robert Abshire, 85, of Anderson, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2023, at Community Hospital Anderson. He was born in Markleville, Indiana to Robert and Margaret Eleanor Abshire.

Bob graduated from Middletown High School and Purdue University, then went on to obtain his master's in Education from Ball State University.

Bob taught at Anderson Community Schools, Lawrence Township Schools, and Elwood Schools.

Bob loved to play the saxophone and was in the Purdue Marching Band, then spent many years playing in the Anderson Community Band, Alexandria Community Band, and the Lapel Community Band.

Bob loved his church family and sang in the South Meridian Church of God choir, and before that, in the East Lynn Christian Church Choir. He was also active in the East Lynn Food Pantry for many years and a 4-H Leader for many years. He was also active in the Madison County Retired Teachers, where he had served as treasurer.

Bob is survived by his wife of 25 years, Rosalie Abshire; his children, Christopher (Jayna) Abshire, Pam (Erik) Lechlitner, Laurie (Mike) Busch, Rebecca (Brian) Russ; his grandchildren, Courtney (Colin) Darcy, Justin (Ginny) Lechlitner, Stacey Abshire, Ryan (Megan) Lechlitner, Braden (Sarah) Lechlitner, Rachel Russ, Adam Russ, and Nathan Busch; his great-grandchildren, Roland, Marley, Emma, Daniel, Odin, and Nathan; his siblings, Gary (Nancy) Abshire and Janice Carter; several cousins, nieces, and

nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 34 years, Judy Abshire, whom he met in High School.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 26, 2023, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at South Meridian Church of God, Anderson, IN followed by the service at 1:00 pm with Pastor Steve Wimmer officiating.

Burial will take place in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery, Mechanicsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Faith Promise at South Meridian Church of God.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mechanicsburg Cemetery

Mechanicsburg, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

South Meridian Church of God  
2402 Meridian Street  
Anderson, IN 46016

## Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

South Meridian Church of God  
2402 Meridian Street  
Anderson, IN 46016

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor of playing in the Lapel Community Band with Robert for several years. Not only was he a good musician, he was also a very nice man.

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**Kay Barnum** - October 26, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Abshire.



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October 25, 2023 at 02:35 PM

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“ A fine tenor sax player

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**Don Hoffmann** - October 20, 2023 at 09:34 PM