



## David Allen Pursley

January 10, 1937 - October 18, 2020

Pursley, David, age 83 of Buford, went home to be with his Lord and on October 18, 2020. He is happy to be reunited with his wife Ruth who moved to heaven ahead of him in June. David was born to Jack and Chloe Pursley in Evansville Indiana where he grew up. In 1958 he married Ruth. They had known each other in high school and he was just beginning his career in baseball athletic training when they married. He began working for the Class-B Evansville Braves in 1951 while he was a teenager and the major league Braves were still in Boston. He worked through the minor leagues and eventually joined the major league Braves Baseball organization in Milwaukee in 1961. In 1966 the team and the family moved to Atlanta, GA and Dave became the head trainer. His career with the Braves covered the next four decades. He was a pioneer in baseball athletic training. He was an inventor and held patents for developing machines and products to assist his athletic training efforts. He was also instrumental in starting the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society. During his career he was selected to work for All Star Games. He is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Associations' Hall of Fame, the Georgia Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame, the Professional Baseball Athletic Training Society (PBATS) Hall of Fame, and the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame. He enjoyed fishing, golf, and a good steak. Dave is survived by sons, Neil (Beth) and Gary. He was a devoted husband and father. He'll be remembered for his infectious, sincere smile, his easy going personality and happy demeanor. He will be sorely missed. Visitation/flowers

Friday, October 23 12:30-2pm, service 2pm Flanigan Funeral Home, 4400 S Lee St, Buford, GA 30518, (770) 932-1133, with Pastor Michael Kober officiating. Interment will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens, Buford, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

## Interment

OCT **23** (ET)

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens  
5979 New Bethany Rd  
Buford, GA 30518

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Allen Pursley*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



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**Larry Starr** - October 24, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Pursley's passing. I grew up watching the Braves as my Grandfather was a big fan. He was the one who introduced me to baseball. I have been a huge fan since 1983. I remember seeing Dave from time to time as I watched the game. Sending love and prayers during this time and in the days to come to both Neil and Gary.*

**Cynthia D Greenwood** - October 21, 2020 at 11:25 PM



*So sorry to learn of Dave's passing. As a fellow employee of the Atlanta Braves, he had my utmost respect. Four decades with one team—wow! I know every player had full confidence that Dave knew exactly what treatment to provide and would do so in a professional, reassuring manner. He wouldn't say it, but he was a star in the athletic training community. More importantly, Dave was one of the good guys. My condolences to Neil and Gary.*

**Jim Schultz** - October 23, 2020 at 12:24 PM

CW

*I knew Gary, I know how much he loved his parents. I wish you peace and happiness. Cindy*

Cindy Waldrop - December 03, 2020 at 12:23 PM

KG

*“ My condolences to the Pursley Family---I shall miss Dave and the good times we shared on the Golf Course at Northwood and other golf outings. Always a kind word for everyone and you could depend on him to select a proper wine for Dinner. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Kenneth Gillespie - October 21, 2020 at 06:32 PM

DC

*“ Neil and Gary, So sorry to hear of you dad's passing. He was the best. We had some great times together on and off the field. May the Peace and Comfort only God can provide at times like this be with your family. Darrel and Cindy Chaney*

Darrel Chaney - October 20, 2020 at 07:35 PM



*“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David Allen Pursley.*



October 20, 2020 at 02:34 PM