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Memorial Resolution for George Curry

George L. Curry, age 64, of Fort Wayne, was finally able to meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus on July 31, 2026.

George was born in Fort Wayne, IN on February 14, 1962, to John and Lee June (Hubbard) Curry, Jr. George was a hardworking man, working at the Purdue University Fort Wayne Campus Shipping and Receiving office for almost 46 years. He enjoyed reading his Bible, watching Cubs baseball, Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts football, as well as Toronto Maple Leaves hockey games.

In addition to his father, John, he is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nedra (Chapman); daughter, Brenna (Chad) Brotherton; grandchildren, Vron, Marissa, and Vincent; sister, Alice Carole (Wayne) Barker; brother, Bill (Dorcas) Curry, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lee June.

George Curry is a PFW institution who quietly and without fanfare did his job well—a job that helped our university to function effectively. Everyone who worked with George over the years, whether they knew him well or not, appreciated the way he made their work lives easier, and their work day a little bit brighter.

George was a quiet man, and so for this memorial resolution, we would like to let some of the people George worked with over the years to speak in his memory:

> I had the pleasure of having George deliver my mail for the past 26 years. He was a gentle giant. When I could make him smile, well that just made my day.
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> Joanne Schultz

> George made a lasting impression on me in the few years we were able to work together. He had a sweet heart that rarely showed itself, so I'll always remember how good it felt to get a smile or laugh out of George. I'm grateful to have known him, and I miss him dearly.
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> Carissa Bloom

> It was very comforting to see George each week during the past 16 years. Most of the time he had a stoic expression which we came to know and understand that "that's just George", but every now and then, he'd share a smile, joke, or laugh with you which made the moment precious. Rest well, you are missed.
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> Dawn Adams

> I've worked with George for a couple of decades and got to know a lot about him. What impressed me the most was his knowledge of rock and roll history. The man knew everything. Whether you wanted to know Alice Cooper's real name or the members of the band Genesis he was the man to ask. There used to be a little place in Ft Wayne that hosted a rock and roll trivia contest every Wednesday night and I bugged George several times to go. I wanted to be on his team because I knew we'd win the prize and I wouldn't have to answer a single question. Sounds like easy money to me but George always turned me down because of his religious beliefs. I respect that but really wish we could have cleaned house and

won the contest. Doc West from 96.3 XKE was the host and I'm sure he'd think George would be a formidable competitor in his knowledge. Now that he's gone I finally got my chance to argue with him without his rebuttal. Yes, George, Led Zeppelin is not overrated. No matter what you say you won't change my mind. Rest in peace, George. For you there's definitely a rock and roll heaven and I'm sure there's a heck of a band.

Ben Neuhaus

If there was one word I would use to describe George Curry, it would be dedication. George was a very diligent and hard worker, always focused on getting the job done efficiently. I first met him around 2004 when he was delivering mail to offices on campus. On the rare occasion I had issues with mail or packages, George would go above and beyond to resolve the problem. He would even spend days calling the USPS and other shipping companies to get to the bottom of the issue. He was very good at his job, and he took a lot of pride in his work. His job is one of many on campus that happens in the background to keep our university functioning. It is the type of position that doesn't get a lot of attention unless something goes wrong, thus why many people on campus may not know George.

He was a man of few words, letting his work do the speaking for him. Every once in a while he would open up about his life. Through the years, I learned that he loved his family. He spent a lot of time at home with his wife and his grandkids. Like his work, he was very dedicated to his family.

Teri Luce

George was very special to me and our relationship was quite different from that of most with him (or so I have heard). From my first day on campus, June 25, 2019, I was told that George wouldn't talk to me because he didn't talk to anyone. I told them that they didn't know me very well. It didn't take long before George and I were not only saying hello but having conversations. What would follow over the years, became a friendship.

Making him smile and laugh was a highlight of my day. I know that he had a love of blackberry jam but shouldn't be eating it as much as he would have liked. That's why I bought him the tiniest jar of homemade jam I could find. ☺ Last Christmas, he made sure that I would be working a few days before we were off for the holidays then showed up with candy for me. That will always bring a smile to my face. We often talked about his retirement, his grandchildren, his failing body at times, his days prior to being on campus. He loved showing me pictures of his grandchildren. If only he had gotten to have that time with them like he had planned. But his face would light up every time he talked about them.

He will be missed not only by me but by so many that were lucky enough to get to know him and work with him over the years. I am glad that I at least got 7 with him.

Jenny Bower

I have known George forever but I never got to really know him until I became part of the Warehousing Team. George was pretty quiet and all business unless you got to know him better. He would randomly start singing a song from the 70s/80s and knew a lot about music and pretty much anything. Although he appeared to have a hard exterior, he had a big heart. When my predecessor announced his intent to retire and named me as his replacement to the team, George who had previously turned in his notification to retire, came up to us and withdrew his retirement so he could stay and help me with the transition. I've never forgotten that and always felt guilty that he was never able to officially retire. He was very knowledgeable about everything having to do with the mail services and I leaned on him a lot because of it. At one point he looked at me and chuckled saying "woman, you are going to have to remember this at some point". If you were able to make him smile or laugh, you witnessed a very special thing about him. I miss him dearly and can't hardly believe he is gone.

Lisa Eley

The funeral service for George Curry was held on August 12, 2026. His family requests that you consider making a memorial donation to the Northpoint Community Church or to Stillwater Hospice.

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