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**B**ig Rapids - David Peter Youngers Burns, 73, long time resident of Big Rapids, retired professor from Ferris State University passed away February 2021. He was born December 16, 1947, and grew up in Michigan. He earned his PhD in mathematics at Western Michigan University, and taught at Ferris for 40 years, retiring as a full professor. David was dedicated to teaching, available to help all students who sought a little extra help.

When not in the classroom he enjoyed collecting, repairing, and riding vintage bicycles. David loved reading books on US history, especially Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period. His home library probably held 1000 books.

He is survived by his sister, his brother, and their children.

Per his wishes there are no services being planned at this time. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to a scholarship fund at your favorite university. Care and arrangements are entrusted to the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Share a memory or express condolences at [www.mohnkefuneralhome.com](http://www.mohnkefuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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GC

**Gary Chartrand** posted:

I only learned recently that David had passed away. I directed his Master's thesis while he was at Western Michigan University and I worked with David and S. F. Kapoor (his doctoral thesis advisor) on research in mathematics at Western Michigan. Da

February 16 at 8:00 PM

NB

**Nick Burns** posted:

I am proud my brother Dave lived his life, his way -- and beyond his cynical humor, wry observations, and vast knowledge of US history, I feel double proud he'll be remembered for supporting many, many Math scholarships--thanks.

October 5 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Judy Smedbrg** posted:

I am David's older sister, and I miss him. I have always admired his ability to stick with his values, even if his behavior was unconventional. For example, he lived frugally but was able to leave a sizable amount of money to Western Michigan University

September 29 at 8:00 PM

GO

**Gretchen N Ochs** lit a candle in honor of David.

I was saddened to learn of the loss of Mr. Burns. He was my first college math professor (MATH 110). I came into his class thinking I "was bad at math" and scared of failure especially learning that we couldn't use calculators in his class.  
Th



September 19 at 8:00 PM

WN

**Wendy Nystrom** posted:

Dear Dr. Burns Family, My sincere condolences to you. I always enjoyed my conversations with Dave. He was always so nice to me. I miss seeing him around the neighborhood. Take Care.  
Wendy Nystrom

September 18 at 8:00 PM



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**Erin** lit a candle in honor of David.

Dave, I cannot express how much I will miss you. You had a warm, kind presence and I always appreciate our conversations. Thank you for your time at Ferris - we appreciate you.

September 17 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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