



Dean A. Auker

August 20, 1972 - January 23, 2026

. . Dean Allan Auker, 53, of Hagerstown, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Friday, January 23, 2026.

Dean was born in Bluffton on August 20, 1972. He had resided in Hagerstown since 1994, moving here from Portland. He worked most of his life as a Financial Aid Advisor, most recently at Ivy Tech in Richmond, where he enjoyed helping students plans for their futures and built lasting friendships with his coworkers.

Dean was a true sports enthusiast. He played traveling softball, coached both of his sons in basketball and soccer, and helped lead the traveling soccer program. He loved working with kids and took pride in mentoring young athletes, both on and off the field. He was an avid fan of many sports, especially IU basketball, the Chicago Bears, and the Chicago Cubs. He was also a lifelong KISS fan and never outgrew his love for their music and energy. In 2018, he started his own business, Studio 305 Knives and began selling merchandise at various gun and knife shows, where he enjoyed meeting people and swapping stories.

Known to many as “Deano,” he will be remembered for his infectious laugh that could be heard across a room and his ability to make those around him feel welcome. Above all, he was a devoted husband of 31 years and a proud, loving father who put his family first. His sense of humor, steady presence, and big heart left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Rebecca Dawn (Roach) Auker; and two

sons, Jordan Matthew Auker and Joseph Ronald Auker.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Sue Auker, and his grandfather, Gerald D. Friend.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Friday, January 30, at Culberson Funeral Home. Services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to a scholarship fund at Ivy Tech Richmond.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Cemetery

400 West High St.
Hagerstown, IN 47346
(765) 489-6171

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown
51 South Washington Street
Hagerstown, IN 47346
(765) 489-5511
info@culbersonfh.com
<https://www.culbersonfh.com/>

Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dean A. Auker*



Culberson Funeral Home - January 27 at 06:03 PM

AB

Sorry for your loss...praying for you and your family

Ada Blevins - January 30 at 11:23 AM

AG

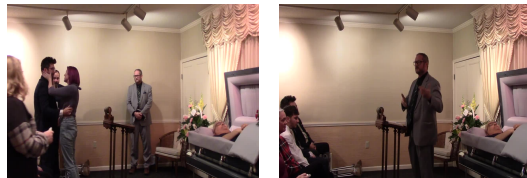
“ *Agnes lit a candle in memory of Dean A. Auker*



agnes - January 31 at 03:36 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Funerl Service*



Rick Culberson - January 31 at 03:01 PM

CT

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. I knew Dean from Ivy Tech. He was the nicest person and had such a warm smile and demeanor about him. He will be so missed so very much.

Candi Tutterrow - January 30 at 01:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dean A. Auker.



January 29 at 11:00 PM

JR

“ Prayers and Condolences to the family. Dean would always stop me when I went by his office. We always had something to talk about KISS. He was such a friendly, professional and caring guy, who truly loved what he did.

Jerry Roots - January 28 at 06:56 PM

DM

“ Dave, Lora, Maddie, and Ava moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean A. Auker.

Dave, Lora, Maddie, and Ava moore - January 28 at 03:44 PM

DM

“ Dave, Lora, Maddie, and Ava moore purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dean A. Auker.



Dave, Lora, Maddie, and Ava moore - January 28 at 03:44 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Culberson Funeral Home - January 27 at 05:55 PM

IT

“ Ivy Tech Financial Aid Team purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Dean A. Auker.



Ivy Tech Financial Aid Team - January 27 at 04:35 PM

MS

“ Our deepest condolences to the Auker family. We got to know Dean at the Crown Point Gun Show. He and the bonded over our shared Chicago Bears fandom. I was hoping this was the year the Bears would go all the way to honor a true fan. Prayers for your family. Dean was a great guy. 💔 Michele and Ed Skalka

Michele Skalka - January 27 at 02:29 PM

JA

“ You will always be remembered for your kindness, your steady presence, and the way you made others feel seen and valued. Working alongside you was truly a gift, and your impact reached far beyond the work we did together. You will be deeply missed, but the memories, laughter, and care you shared will continue to live on in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with your loved ones during this difficult time.



Josephine Anthony - January 27 at 12:11 PM

TR

“ Dean was a pleasure to work with at Ivy Tech. He was truly an advocate for his students. He will be greatly missed by his Ivy Tech Financial Aid family. My condolences to his family during this difficult time. Tammy Runyan

Tammy Runyan - January 27 at 12:09 PM

KC

“ I have worked with Dean for several years and always found him kind, helpful, and funny. I am so sorry to hear about his passing and want to offer my condolences to the family.



Kathy Campbell - January 27 at 10:58 AM

NL

“ It was great to work with Dean at Ivy Tech! Even though I was not at his campus, he was always there to answer questions and kept his sense of humor. Prayers for comfort and peace to the family!

Nina Loesch - January 27 at 10:29 AM

TF

“ Dean was a wonderful colleague who always had a warm smile to brighten my day. I will miss him. I am thinking of his family during this difficult time.



Tammy Frankland - January 27 at 09:52 AM



“ “You Are Loved And In Our Prayers” Comfort Throw was purchased for the family of Dean A. Auker.



January 26 at 08:58 AM

RP

“ Rochester Metal Products planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean A. Auker.

Rochester Metal Products - January 26 at 08:58 AM

HT

“ HR Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean A. Auker.

HR Team - January 26 at 08:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dean A. Auker.



January 26 at 08:37 AM

ME

“ Jordan, we're so sorry to learn about the loss of your dad. We're thinking of you and your family. Millie



Millie Martin Emery - January 25 at 09:34 PM



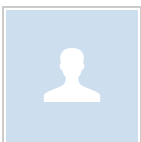
“ I met Dean in 2023 when I started working at Ivy Tech. We connected easily from the start. We respected each other, trusted each other, and worked well together. We balanced each other’s strengths, shared a healthy dislike of unnecessary meetings, and cared deeply about our students. His loss feels unreal and far too soon. I’m grateful for the time we had and the impact he had on so many people. His family and friends are in my prayers.

Kax Ramsey - January 25 at 09:01 PM



“ Dean will always have a place in my heart - watching him grow as a baby .. then reconnecting to the amazing man who loved Rebecca and Jordan and Joe .. May we all pause to think of the ways our lives are better because he came our way
May the Love & Grace of God comfort your family and friends as we learn to live without you in our lives.
Dean may you Rest in the arms of God who created you , and now grants you His Peace !
Blessings Always Agnes & Ann

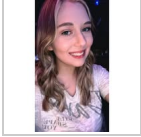
Agnes Lantz - January 25 at 08:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean A. Auken.



January 25 at 07:47 PM



“ Whether I needed a pick me up or just a good laugh, he was always my go to. As a previous student, I can attest that he put his heart into helping his students and made a difference in many lives. Work has not been the same without him, he will be very missed 😔. I am praying for all of his family and friends.

Marissa Steele - January 25 at 07:38 PM



“ Many thoughts and prayers to Rebecca, Jordan, Joe, and family. I enjoyed working with Dean for many years at Harrison College.

Maria Berthiaume

Maria Berthiaume - January 25 at 05:34 PM