



## Charles "Chuck" Elkins II

December 3, 1951 - April 1, 2026

Charles Everett "Chuck" Elkins, II, 74, of Putnam County, WV, died peacefully at home on April 1, 2026 following a nine-year journey with Frontotemporal Dementia.

Born December 3, 1951 in Buckhannon, WV to the late Charles Everett Elkins and Rose Marie Black Elkins of Hamlin, WV, Chuck is survived by his wife of 41 years, Deborah Boese Elkins; his three daughters, Megan (Justin) Hannah, of Winfield, WV, Lindsay (Christopher) Rotella of New Albany, OH, and Emma (Ryan) Rexroad of Hurricane, WV; his six grandchildren, Parker Hannah, Carson, Roman, and Braxton Rotella, and Charli Kate and Scout Rexroad; and his brother, Bill (Sonda) Elkins of Hamlin, WV.

Chuck was a 1970 graduate of Hamlin High School and a 1974 graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College where he was a football and basketball athlete and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. Chuck began his teaching career with Pendleton County Schools and retired from Putnam County Schools in 2015 following a 41 year career as a high school math teacher and 42 year career as a coach. Chuck is currently the fourth winningest high school basketball coach of all time in the Kanawha Valley with 440 wins. He coached two North-South all-star high school basketball games and received numerous other honors and awards throughout his coaching career. Following his high school basketball retirement, he spent two years as an assistant

men's basketball coach at West Virginia Wesleyan College. In the course of his teaching career, Chuck touched thousands of lives, and the family appreciates the many fun stories and memories that his students have shared.

Chuck was an avid fly fisherman, spending most of his spare time tying his own flies and fishing the trout streams of West Virginia. In 2022, he took a lifelong-dream fly fishing trip to Bozeman, Montana with a follow up trip in 2024 to Sunlight Basin, Wyoming. He also enjoyed golfing, vacationing in the Smoky Mountains, lending a helping hand to his neighbors and taking walks with his dog, Cash. He had a deep love for his Home Among the Hills at West Virginia Wesleyan College, and he was immensely proud of his children and grandchildren.

Over the last nine years, Chuck's family has spent a great deal of time learning about and advocating for those impacted by Frontotemporal Dementia. Early in his diagnosis, Chuck agreed to donate his brain to the Brain Support Network, where his brain will be studied at the Mayo Clinic in an effort to help advance Frontotemporal Dementia treatments and a future cure.

The family would like to thank Putnam Aging and HospiceCare for all of their support, particularly Bill, Sarah, Mary, Tony, Angie and Jessica. In addition, the family would like thank the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute for their incredible care, particularly Dr, Kirk Wilhelmsen, Dr. James Malone, and Dr. Khalid Sharif, for their diligent diagnosis and continued care throughout Chuck's journey. His daughters would also like to thank their mom, Debbie, for her steadfast caregiving throughout the course of Chuck's disease.

Friends may visit the family from 4:00p.m. until 6:00p.m. on Saturday April 4, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home. Per his wishes, Chuck will be cremated with the opportunity to enjoy his favorite trout streams one last time in a private

family service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Chuck's name to:  
Association of Frontotemporal Dementia 2700 Horizon Drive Suite 120 King of  
Prussia, PA 19406 [www.theaftd.org/donate](http://www.theaftd.org/donate) or the Brain Support Network PO  
Box 7264 Menlo Park, CA 94026 [www.BrainSupportNetwork.org/donate](http://www.BrainSupportNetwork.org/donate).

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Chuck's  
tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home located at 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV  
25526 is honored to serve the Elkins family.

# Previous Events

## Visiting

APR 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Prayers for the family.  
Thankful for a teacher who was my coach and a friend. He made me feel I had someone on my side!  
Thankful for him during my high school years!!

Barbara Huffman Schoonover - April 04 at 11:50 PM

DE

Thank you!

Debbie Elkins - June 11 at 11:23 PM

DE

Thank you

Debbie Elkins - June 11 at 11:26 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of Chucks passing. We graduated together and were friends throughout school. Was good to hear of his love for teaching & coaching like his Dad did.

Crystal ( Frye ) Stablein - April 04 at 02:04 PM

DE

Thank you

Debbie Elkins - June 11 at 11:23 PM

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Thank you

Debbie Elkins - June 11 at 11:26 PM

GB

“ Gary, Kathy & Terry Bird purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Charles "Chuck" Elkins II.



Gary, Kathy & Terry Bird - April 04 at 09:34 AM

SD

“ Coach Elkins was my math Teacher in 9th grade, he was a good teacher. Prayers for Debbie and the Family 🙏



sherry Dunn-Brown - April 03 at 09:43 PM

DE

Thank you, Sherry

Debbie Elkins - June 11 at 11:25 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Elkins II.



April 03 at 07:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Chuck" Elkins II.

April 03 at 07:06 PM



“ I always looked up to Coach Elkins, as he was known to be a tough math teacher. I had him for math for 2 years and I loved the challenge in his class. I always knew I wanted to be a teacher and Coach encouraged me to go to WVWC, and his family granted me a scholarship to attend. After I graduated as a teacher from WVWC, I landed in a math teaching job. It is because of him that I am able to teach the next generation. I am so grateful for his influence in my life.

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**Katelyn Wolfe** - April 03 at 06:16 PM

DE

*Thank you*

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**Debbie Elkins** - June 11 at 11:25 PM

DE

*Thank you for sharing!*

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**Debbie Elkins** - June 11 at 11:28 PM

DM

“ Tim and I enjoyed knowing Chuck during our time as our kids went to Buffalo. I wish now I had told him how much of an impact he had on Kevin and Chelsea. Great leaders create great leaders. Thank you for being one for my children. You showed them how to act appropriately and that you win some, and you lose some, but you always win in your heart. You are a powerful role model in so many children's lives. I wish I had told you that.

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**Debi McCoy** - April 03 at 03:40 PM

JW

“ A great coach, player, and friend. God bless you Chuck and your family!

*John Williamson*

John Williamson - April 03 at 01:47 PM

JJ

“ I went to school with Chuck. Always remember him as a wonderful person..Prayers to The Family

Judith Jackson - April 03 at 12:30 PM

WE

“ Wellpoint purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Elkins II.



Wellpoint - April 03 at 09:52 AM

TR

“ I cam remember him saying at the end ofnthe first semester of algebra, "if you dont get it now, get out, cuz it don't get any easier". He was a great teacher.

Tamala Rucker - April 03 at 07:10 AM

DE

This sounds like him! 🙏🏻👧 He sure loved his students and genuinely cared about their futures. Thank you so much for sharing a memory with us! We love to hear "Chuck takes"!

Debbie Elkins - April 03 at 02:04 PM

AC

“ Tom and I can't begin to thank your family for your love for and friendship with our Hannah. Our hearts are heavy with sadness for your loss. Chuck was a legend in his time. We pray comfort for each of you as you grieve . Deb, you are an amazing woman and the two of you have produced three loving, creative, and outstanding daughters. Chuck will never be forgotten . His humor and kindness will always be alive in your precious family. Thank you for including our girl. We love you all, Tom and Cindy

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**Aspy Cindy** - April 03 at 06:50 AM

DE

*I couldn't love Hannah more if she was my own. Thank you for your kind words. We love you.*

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**Debbie Elkins** - April 03 at 02:03 PM

PM

“ Sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. Had many fun days with him at BHS. Can't remember a time when he didn't have a smile on his face or was in a good mood. Very successful teacher and coach for the Bison. Thoughts and prayers to family. Pat McGinnis

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**Pat McGinnis** - April 02 at 07:26 PM