



Coach Chuck Ingram

January 19, 1935 - May 7, 2026

Longtime Harrisburg High School educator and coach Charles D. Ingram, age 91 years, a resident of Harrisburg since 1974, passed away Thursday morning, May 7, 2026, at 4:19 A.M. at his home.

Chuck was born January 19, 1935 in Neoga, Illinois. He was the son of Joseph Ingram and Grace (Warner) Ingram.

On April 19, 1955, Chuck was united in marriage to Mary “Marie” Cooper at the First Christian Church in Toledo, Illinois. Together, Chuck and Marie shared over 67 years of marriage, prior to her death on November 10, 2022.

Chuck is survived by: his children – Leslie C. “Les” Ingram of Golconda, Illinois and Renee’ M. (Dean Furlong) Williams of Harrisburg, Illinois; 3 grandchildren – Jade (Beth) Goff, Craig (Maura) Williams, and Morgan (Brian) Dalton; 9 great grandchildren – Caleb, Cole, and Cooper Williford, Kyndall and Ridge Williams, Ryan, Levi, Gabe and Braydee Dalton; and brother – Bob Ingram.

In addition to his parents and wife, Chuck was preceded in death by his beloved “Granny” Rhoda Gentry; and his siblings: Eugene Ingram, Louise Shook, Phyllis Branum, Kenneth Ingram, Ralph Ingram, Gary Ingram, Helen Tilley, and George Lybarger.

Chuck was a 1954 graduate of Cumberland High School, where he was a standout athlete in four sports, basketball, baseball, track & cross country. Following his graduation, Chuck attended Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, Illinois where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. He continued his studies at Indiana State University, where he attained a master's degree in education. In 1957, Chuck began his teaching career at Cumberland High School, where he taught industrial arts and later transitioned into the building trades. During this time, he coached little league baseball in Toledo as well as coaching a traveling women's softball team. During the 1969-1970 school year, Chuck began teaching industrial arts and building trades at Bridgeport/Red Hill High School and continued teaching and coaching in this district until the family moved to Harrisburg in 1974.

During his lengthy tenure at Harrisburg High School, Chuck taught industrial arts and building trades until his retirement in 1994. During this time, Chuck and his students constructed 19 homes in Harrisburg and the surrounding area. Chuck coached football as well as boys and girls basketball. His lasting legacy has been his dedication to the Harrisburg High School track and cross country program. Beginning in 1974, Chuck coached boys track and cross country. In 1975, the first female in the school's history joined the team. By 1979, interest in girl's track and cross country had grown to a point where a separate female team was formed. He also coached the Gallatin County Girl's Basketball Team when he was in his 70s. Chuck continued coaching for an amazing sixty nine and a half year span.

Chuck has received numerous commendations and awards through the years, including being recognized with a lifetime achievement award by the River-to-River Runners of Southern Illinois. He was inducted into the Southern Illinois Coach's Hall of Fame and was the 2024 recipient of the Derril Kipp Award presented by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Chuck always gave credit to his beloved wife, Marie, for his longevity in coaching.

Chuck was very civic minded and had formerly served as a member of the Saline County Board. He also operated a private construction business and built, remodeled and renovated a number of residences in the Harrisburg area through the years. Chuck's building skills and craftsmanship was also exemplified in woodworking and furniture building projects. In his youth, Chuck was an avid hunter.

Chuck was a longtime faithful member of the Harrisburg First Christian Church. He served for over 30 years as an elder and trustee, as well as serving as chairman of both the church board and the building and grounds committee.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to Kayleigh Hopkins, Beth Goff and grandsons Caleb Williford and Cole Williford for their excellent care during Chuck's illness. Additionally, a special note of thanks to granddaughter Jade Goff for her exceptional nursing skills and tender care.

A service honoring the life of Coach Chuck Ingram will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, May 12, 2026, at 1 P.M. at Little Chapel Church, 3859 Illinois Route 34, Harrisburg, Illinois. Minister Biff Moore will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Lawn Cemetery in Harrisburg.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 11, 2026, from 5 P.M. until 8 P.M. in Davenport Gymnasium at the Harrisburg High School. Please enter through door # 21 (south gym entrance). A further time of visitation will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 11 A.M. until the service hour at 1 P.M. at Little

Chapel Church.

Those attending the visitation and service are invited to show their Bulldog pride and honor Coach Chuck by wearing purple colored attire.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, 20 South Webster Street, Harrisburg, Illinois 62946 or to the Harrisburg High School Girl's Track Team, 333 West College Street, Harrisburg, Illinois 62946. Memorial envelopes will be available at both the high school and church.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Lawn Cemetery

1000 West Sloan Street
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harrisburg High School
333 West College Street
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Visitation

MAY 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Little Chapel Church
3859 IL-34
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Little Chapel Church
3859 IL-34
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Patterson Family purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Coach Chuck Ingram.*



The Patterson Family - May 10 at 11:28 PM

JT

“ *Chucks, thanks for the all the beautiful & wonderful memories even if you didn't know about all of them until years later - the Honda. I'm blessed to have been welcomed into your family all those years ago. I will miss you and will keep my promise to you that we shared in those final hours. Love Always, Jeanette*

Jeanette Talamo - May 09 at 11:48 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Jeanette & John purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Coach Chuck Ingram.*



Love, Jeanette & John - May 09 at 11:39 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Jeanette & John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Chuck Ingram.*

Love, Jeanette & John - May 09 at 11:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Coach Chuck Ingram.



May 09 at 10:41 PM



“ My condolences to Les, Renee and their families. While visiting my parents in Harrisburg, I met "Chuck" at Church and later enjoyed his conversations during coffee at Hardee's. I even had the opportunity on a special sunny afternoon to share the road with Chuck and my dad on our motorcycles. It was a wonderful couple hours. Rest in peace..

Mike Patterson - May 09 at 04:07 PM



“ Les and Renee, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was a wonderful person.
Becky (Harre) Slagle

Rebecca Slagle - May 09 at 03:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Chuck Ingram.



May 09 at 03:37 PM

TP

“ Truly the loss of a great and wonderful man. I will always remember the times I visited Harrisburg and attended the early morning coffee gatherings at Hardee's. My dad Lowell, Coach Ingram and I had several conversations that I will hold in my heart forever. Condolences to Les, Renee and their families.



Todd Patterson - May 09 at 12:10 AM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Coach Chuck Ingram



David and Ellen Hill - May 08 at 07:05 PM

JM

“ Jody Moore lit a candle in memory of Coach Chuck Ingram



Jody Moore - May 08 at 05:09 PM

JM

I will miss absolutely everything about him.

Jody Moore - May 08 at 05:11 PM

RA

“ Sad to see him go. 😞 One can only aspire to be like him. So many good stories i could tell. He always pushed me to be my best in cross country and later I enjoyed all the talk and stories at "the mayors table" at Hardees. He will never be forgotten by me and many others. Thats for sure. Rest easy coach.

Randy - May 08 at 06:25 AM

GW

“ George Ward lit a candle in memory of Coach Chuck Ingram



George Ward - May 07 at 10:26 PM

GW

“ On behalf of the Benton Cross Country, we are sadden at the loss of our dear friend. Our condolences to the family and the Harrisburg High School Cross Country team. Sincerely George Ward.

George Ward - May 07 at 10:25 PM



“ Sending Condolences and Prayers to Les and Family



Carol Bryant - May 07 at 04:33 PM

LO

“ Coach as I always called him. He was my cross country coach. I absolutely loved him. He would yell at certain check points at us . And we still liked him after the course. He will be missed

Lori - May 07 at 02:24 PM

PF

“ Coach Ingram helped to make me who I am today. In High school he taught me about servant hood working as a team manager. I have a laundry list of things he poured into my life. To this I will always be grateful. It was great to have lunch with him a few months ago. Go rest high on that mountain Coach.

Philip Fritts - May 07 at 01:04 PM

DS

“ He was wonderful with the kids in track. He will be missed.

Donna Alvey Shinnick - May 07 at 12:28 PM

ND

“ Natasha Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Coach Chuck Ingram



Natasha Daugherty - May 07 at 11:49 AM

JH

What an awesome and amazing man. He gave life all he had to give. Prayers for all his family and friends. Rest in Peace coach!

John Hawkins - May 07 at 01:18 PM

RH

“ Raychel Henson lit a candle in memory of Coach Chuck Ingram



Raychel Henson - May 07 at 11:21 AM

RW

“ Robyn Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Coach Chuck Ingram.



Robyn Williams - May 07 at 10:48 AM

RW

“ Robyn Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Chuck Ingram.

Robyn Williams - May 07 at 10:48 AM

GS

“ My deepest sympathy..,



Garyn Case Suttner - May 07 at 10:45 AM

MK

“ *Maureen Kenney lit a candle in memory of Coach Chuck Ingram*



Maureen Kenney - May 07 at 10:37 AM