



Brad Lee Powers

August 17, 1949 - May 15, 2025

Brad Lee Powers, 75, of Dunlap, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2025 at his home.

He was born August 17, 1949 in Peoria to Erwin and Jean (Schulte) Powers. He married Linda Burnett September 6, 1981 in Richmond, MO. She survives.

Also surviving are their three children, Jennifer (Nick) Jones of Arlington Heights, IL, Jamie Powers of St. Louis, MO, and Scott (Hannah) Powers of St. Louis, MO; three grandchildren, Annelle Jones, and Ben and Sadie Powers; and two brothers, Harley (Jan) Powers of Pekin, IL and Joe (Colleen) Powers of Olympia, WA.

Brad graduated from Bradley University and then received his Masters Degree in Education from Illinois State University. He taught Spanish and physical education and coached sports at Washington Gifted School in Peoria for 33 years before retiring in 2005.

Cremation will be accorded and arrangements are through Schmidt-Haller

Burial and Cremation Services.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Words of comfort can be shared with the family at www.SchmidtHaller.com.

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Brad Phil Shay @ I did a skit for stunt show we had on grass skirts to wake up the Lion lip syncing The Lion Sleeps Tonight he was the star Graduation we shared a chair not enough in our aisle Gods PEACE BE WITH YOU

Randy kingery - July 08, 2025 at 06:59 PM

BC

“ Brad was a good competitor and mentor for his students/athletes at Washington School! He inspired many to continue their education beyond high school and College! He did an excellent job as the Boy's Coach for all sports at Washington School! He was also a "don't quit" type of competitor on the basketball courts When fellow staff members would gather into play full court games! He will be missed by many, including me, In the Peoria Community! Bless him for all he did for his students and athletic teams during the years as their teacher and Coach. Bob Carruthers - former teacher/coach/Principal/and HR Director for Peoria Public Schools.

Bob Carruthers - June 11, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JC

“ Such fond memories of my years at Washington starting back on Moss Ave...and eventually finishing at the War Memorial Dr. location. All of those teachers had a profound impact on my life... and Mr. Powers was no exception. Sending lots of love from the Calgaros to Miss Burnett / Mrs. Powers and the rest of his family and friends.

Joe Calgaro - May 30, 2025 at 07:22 PM

JV

“ Brad was 1st baseman for our championship Sunday Morning League baseball team. Notably larger than life and always the life of the party, I was always impressed by his obvious love and professionalism when he spoke of his students and his profession.
My sympathies to Linda, and their children; also to Harley, Jan, Joe and Willie.
Joe Vespa

Joe Vespa - May 24, 2025 at 08:57 AM

MB

“ To Linda and family, I was shocked to hear about your loss. May you find peace in the days to come and in the loving and happy thoughts that are with you now.
Mollye Bright

Mollye H. Bright - May 23, 2025 at 09:12 PM

BX

“ Like many of you, I played sports with Brad, from Little League and baseball Sundays, well past college days. I coached my 2 sons in Little League and Brad was the LL Superintendent and a Coach also. He was wonderful with the kids, full of compassion and he coached against me in the LL finals and Brad, the better coach, won. He was all about giving every kid a chance to play. We parents loved him too. Rest in peace, my friend.
Bruce Conrad

Bruce Xonrad - May 23, 2025 at 02:46 PM

AC

“ I am so sorry to hear, and wish I had words which might comfort you all. Mr. Powers was an amazing teacher with a gift for reaching even the quietest of students.

Ashley Crosman - May 22, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MG

“ Linda & family, I am sorry to read about the passing of Brad. My thoughts and prayers are with you. 🙏💕

Marla Griffith - May 22, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JB

“ After starting to learn Spanish from Mr. Powers in 4th grade, I took it for all 4 years in High School and majored in it in college. I was fluent for a while long ago, and some of the most interesting experiences of my life would not have been possible without his energy and enthusiasm for the language. He loved to play music in class, and I think that \"Poppin' Corn\" is seared into my memory forever. Condolences to Linda and the rest of the family.\n\nJill Guzman Blitstein (class of '84)

Jill Blitstein - May 22, 2025 at 10:58 AM

KN

“ So sorry to hear of Brad's passing...he was always a fun guy to reminisce with at class of '67 reunions. He gave me my first motorcycle ride many decades ago. It is so good to know how many young lives he touched while teaching and coaching!

Kathleen Mangum Norris - May 22, 2025 at 10:14 AM

E'

“ Linda and Family,\n\nSorry to hear of Brad's passing. Words cannot express the impact a great educator has on a student. Not only in teaching the subject matter at hand, but also life lessons, and even how to carry yourself as a person. Brad, or \"Mr. Powers,\" I should say, always kept me on my toes.\n\nI've so many fond memories of his classes, having him as teacher for five years of Spanish, homeroom and P.E. of course. \n\nThe sing-a-long Spanish songs (often accompanied with his funny expressions), the government-mandated 15-min calisthenics sessions (which he allowed to be inspired by recordings students brought in to class... \"Whip It\" by Devo was a common favorite), and the nicknames he would come up with... class with Mr. Powers always kept our attention.\n\nI can only imagine what a great dad and grandpa he was. This is a loss for everyone that knew him. \n\nBrad, like all the teachers at Washington, were amazing role models that touched so many students' lives. I'll take this opportunity to thank you too, Linda, for your influences.\n\nEric Harms (Madison, WI)\n\nClass of '84

Eric Harms (Class of '84) - May 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DA

“ My friendship with Brad and his brother Harley goes back many years. We were baseball teammates and opponents in the Sunday Morning league for many years.\n\nBrad was one of the nicest and most compassionate people I have ever met.\n\nMy heartfelt condolences to his family. We have lost a good one!\n\nRIP Brad!

Don Abel - May 21, 2025 at 11:54 AM

OA

“ Linda,
We remember you and Brad well from the old days when Amy and Anne were at Washington School on Moss Avenue. You were both committed to your students, for which we were very grateful.
Our prayers are with you and your family.
Carole & Owen

Owen Ackerman - May 21, 2025 at 10:02 AM

CK

“ Coach Powers had a massive influence on my life. His belief in me as an athlete and leader shaped my life. I hope his family can take comfort knowing his impact was felt by so many students and athletes from Washington.

Charlie Kellogg - May 21, 2025 at 09:31 AM

NM

“ Sending our sympathy to Linda & the children.
JD, Molly & Norma & Doug McQueen

Norma McQueen - May 20, 2025 at 11:22 PM

JG

“ Coach Powers made a huge impression on anyone he associated with and I cannot thank him enough for the life lessons he shared with me. Uno Dos Tres Eso Es!

Jim Garrott - May 20, 2025 at 04:29 PM

JC

“ Wow...this is very hard. I knew Coach Powers for over 50 years. I loved him and cherished ever lesson of manhood that he taught me playing basketball for him. I believe that I was apart of his first city championship team in 1977. Jimmy Copeland

Jimmy Copeland - May 20, 2025 at 04:08 PM

JS

“ MISS YOU BRO MANY GOOD TIMES JEFF SHAW

JEFF SHAW - May 20, 2025 at 04:06 PM

JH

“ I lived within a block of the Powers' (Forest, Harley, Brad and Joe) as a youngster. I'm sending my deepest sympathy to Brad's family. So sad.\nSincerely,\nDr. John Hart

John Hart - May 20, 2025 at 01:21 PM

KL

“ My deepest condolences to Linda and all family members. Brad was a larger than life individual with many talents. We worked a lot of basketball games together around central Illinois and beyond. I lost touch with Brad after moving to the Chicagoland area in the 90's but I know he was very proud of his children. May God bless the Powers family.

Kerry Leiby - May 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM

AP

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Brad Lee Powers - May 19, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RS

“ Brad was the best! He always treated me with respect as a referee at Washington and made sure his kids did too... Many fond memories drinking a cold one at the Stadium Club.... Too many gone too soon!

Ryan Samp - May 19, 2025 at 04:21 PM