



David John Busekist

April 25, 1952 - September 23, 2025

David John Busekist, age 73, of Hammond, La., went to be with the Lord on Sept. 23, 2025.

He was born on April 25, 1952, to Melbourne and Kathleen Busekist, in Sidney, Neb., the second of seven children. He moved with his family to Scottsbluff, Neb., in 1966, when his father received a promotion with the Nebraska State Patrol. While in high school he competed on the tennis and swim teams, Acappella Choir, and focused his studies on mathematics and German.

After graduating from Scottsbluff Senior High School in 1970, he enrolled at Chadron State College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, with emphasis in Mathematics and German, in 1974. One of his favorite recollections was having lunch in the student union with his father, whose patrol uniform attracted the attention of his friends, who always had a few questions for David after lunch. During the summer breaks, he worked with the Nebraska Roads Department, and helped with the harvest on his uncle's farm. He said both experiences were hard, hot work and a good incentive to keep his grades up.

While a student at CSC he traveled to New Orleans for a conference, where he met Janet Marie Loupe. They married in 1977 in Hammond. To this union,

two sons were born, Kyle and Ryan.

Some of his greatest pleasures were watching his sons (and later his grandsons) playing soccer. David's love of soccer eventually led him, in 1986, to working with the Louisiana Soccer Association as a referee and, later, in various leadership positions, including State Referee Administrator, State Director of Instruction, and State Director of Assessment.

During his graduate studies at Southeastern Louisiana University, he was a mathematics instructor and, after earning his Masters of Education degree in 1988, continued to serve on the Southeastern mathematics faculty until his retirement in May 2024. Missing his students and colleagues, he returned to teaching in August 2025.

David served as Southeastern's Faculty Athletics Representative, working with students, coaches and faculty to support the students in pursuit of both academic and sports success. He had great memories of former students visiting with him at games, long after they had moved from his classroom onto the sports fields.

He is survived by his sons Kyle (Adrien) Busekist and their children Lee and Patrick; Ryan Busekist; siblings Linda (Jerry) Lund, Susan (John) Shafer, Janet (Mark) Owen, Becky (Phillip) Gunther, Kathy (Jeff) Thomas, Sarah (Chi) Nguyen; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, several uncles and aunts, and his grandparents.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 600 North Oak Street, Hammond, on Tuesday, November 11, at 11:00 am. Family and friends will be received before the Mass at Holy Ghost at 10:00am.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
600 Oak St
Hammond, LA 70401

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ I knew Dave and his family when I taught Dave's boys swimming and was the lifeguard at Lakewood Subdivision pool. We would compare his "farming" days in Nebraska and I would talk about my Grandfather's rice farms. Prayers go to the family.

Mary-Alice - November 10, 2025 at 11:04 PM

TF

“ The Schadegg Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of David John Busekist.



The Schadegg Family - November 09, 2025 at 04:32 PM

CB

“ Kyle and family, I send my condolences and prayers for comfort during this difficult time. I never knew your father, Kyle; but, after reading this beautiful celebration of his life, I know he was a wonderful father and human being. I wish you all peace. -Chad Basso

Chad Basso - November 08, 2025 at 01:59 PM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Busekist was the only Akgebra instructor to ever actually teach me Algebra. He was an awesome Instructor. Rest in peace.

Bonnie Fuller - October 23, 2025 at 12:07 AM

ES

“ Mr. B taught me Geometry at Ponchatoula High School. The one, and only time I got a “D” in high school was in his class. I went to him and said, “ There is no way I can go home with another one of those.”

He helped me bring that grade up to a “B” on my next report card.

He supported his students and cared about their success.

Rest in peace, Sir

Elizabeth Ourso Schrick - October 02, 2025 at 09:33 AM

LB

“ He was a great Geometry and Advanced Math high school teacher. But more importantly, he was a great mentor and supporter to me when I needed it the most in high school. He taught me to believe in myself, even when I didn't think I could anymore. Rest in peace, my friend. And thanks.

Linda Berner - September 30, 2025 at 01:48 PM

BG

David and I were fellow teachers at Ponchatoula High and SLU and always friends. May he rest in peace.

Beth Gray - November 10, 2025 at 08:22 PM