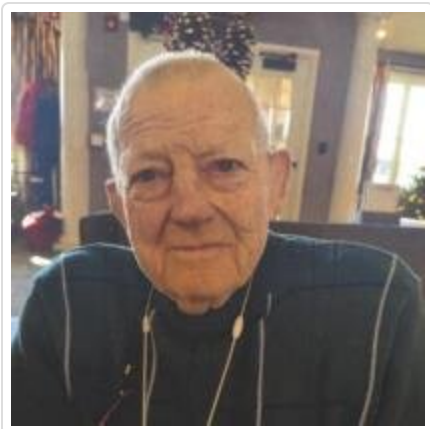




Burton Bruce Burger

December 26, 1935 - June 11, 2025

Burton B. Burger, 89, of Chicopee, Massachusetts passed away on June 11, 2025. He was born in Buffalo, NY on December 26, 1935, to the late Milton and Ruth (Shroeder) Burger. Burton was a proud graduate of Springfield College and dedicated his life to teaching and coaching. He taught physical education and wrestling in the Chicopee school system and coached wrestling and football at Wilbraham Academy. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Wes. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Beverly D. Burger of Chicopee; two daughters, Julia Rakus and her husband Steven, and Andrea Mandlinci; five cherished grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Services were private at the request of the family. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit Burton's memorial page at www.nefcc.net for expressions of sympathy.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Mr. and Mrs. Burger where our neighbors for many, many years. He was an amazing man. He was great to the children, always helping them and doing things for them. Every year for Christmas he would make them something out of wood. The best neighbors anyone can ask for.

Marie Sattler - June 27, 2025 at 02:43 PM

TR

“ Coach Burger was my wrestling coach. And a man that taught me great wisdom. I loved seeing him and coaching with him after I graduated high school. This is a monumental loss to our sport and I will deeply miss him.

Taran Richter - June 25, 2025 at 08:56 PM

ML

“ Mr. Berger was our gym teacher at Taylor high school he taught us how to play hockey at Lincoln Grove we had wrestling championships in seventh and eighth grade. I won two years in a row. He taught me how to throw a disc at over 100 feet in the eighth grade. What a great teacher and encourager

Michael Lariviere - June 16, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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Michael Lariviere - June 16, 2025 at 01:47 PM

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“Burt was a "class act". I knew him through the sport of wrestling which he coached for over 50 years. In his early years he was an elite athlete that competed for a spot on the 1960 USA Olympic Wrestling team. In his later years he served as Assistant Wrestling Coach at Chicopee High School. In between he was a husband, parent, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, teacher and coach. Throughout that entire period he was a role model and mentor to students and athletes, instilling confidence and preparing them to be productive members of society. He taught the importance of fair play, respect for others, the benefits of hard work, perseverance, how to lose with dignity and how to win graciously. He had an indelible impact on the lives of the hundreds of students and athletes that were fortunate enough to have had his tutelage.

*Dana Cormier
Ludlow Wrestling*

Dana Cormier - June 16, 2025 at 11:37 AM