



Ralph Daniel Raper

February 23, 1935 - August 23, 2011

Ralph Daniel Raper, 76, of Bloomfield passed away Tuesday August 23, 2011 at Greene County General Hospital in Linton.

Born February 23, 1935 in Park, Indiana the son of William Bret and Olive Fern (Crane) Raper.

Ralph was a school teacher and coach, teaching at Paoli, Switz City Central, L&M, Eastern Greene and Bloomfield. He was also a school administrator and a farmer. He graduated from Indiana University and received his masters from Indiana State University. He was a member of the Bloomfield Masonic Lodge, Kentucky Colonel, and the Indiana retired teachers association. He was a member of the Mansions in Heaven church and also attended the Pleasant Kentucky Ridge church. He was an Army veteran.

Surviving relatives include his wife Wandalyn Raper of Bloomfield, his children; Bret Daniel (Angela) Raper of Bloomington, Mark Alfred (Ranatta) Raper of Stanford and Erin Michael (Angela) Raper of Bloomfield. He has six grandchildren; Hannah Raper, Gregory Raper, Bryce Raper, Madyson Raper, Elisha Raper and Elaina Raper; also several nieces and nephews.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and one brother William Leon Raper.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 P.M. on Friday August 26, at the Cincinnati Christian Church and 1 P.M. Saturday until the hour of service at the Church. Services will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday August 27 at the Cincinnati Christian Church with Rev. Arlen Pope officiating. Burial will follow at Walnut

Grove Cemetery in Bloomfield.

In Lieu of flowers the family wishes all donations be made to a local church or charity of ones choice.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Wandalyn and Family, We were sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. May God comfort you at this difficult time.*

Levon & Marjorie Jeffers - September 15, 2011 at 11:33 AM

JM

“ *Dear Raper family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are flooded with so many memories working with him at Bloomfield Junior High School. He was an outstanding man, teacher, coach, and administrator and we know that he is in a wonderful place being with our Lord and Savior. He was so very proud of his family.*

Jim and Jeannine McBride - September 07, 2011 at 01:21 PM

MR

“ *I shall remember him as my friend*

modena rollins - September 05, 2011 at 10:48 PM

RF

“ *SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS. DO NOT KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER ME BUT I AM ROBERT AND MAGGIE FISHER'S OLDEST DAUGHTER AND REMEMBER YOUR FAMILY QUITE WELL. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THIS TIME OF SORROW. I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO LOSE A LOVED ONE. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU IN THIS TIME OF SORROW.*

ROSEMARY FISHER - September 01, 2011 at 08:27 PM

LC

“ *Bret and family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Raper was a wonderful man who touched many lives and was a mentor to so many young people. I have fond memories of him. His legacy lives on in you. I know how very proud he was of you, of all your achievements and the fine man you turned out to be. Sincerely, Lisa*

Lisa (Byers) Coffey - September 01, 2011 at 11:23 AM

DO

“ *Mr. Raper was my favorite teacher of all time. I will never forget that Mr. Raper was so kind to me when I was having trouble at home and was living in my car. He offered me a place to stay and truly cared about me along with all his students. I will never forget his kind heart and his family should be very proud of him which I know they are. He was more than a teacher! God Bless!*

David A. Owens - August 29, 2011 at 04:44 PM

KH

“ *To all of the family,
Know that my thoughts and prayers and with all of you during this time. It's amazing the way I've been able to see and hear of the legacy that Ralph leaves behind. What a tremendous man! I am privileged to have known him and although Ralph will without question be missed, I am comforted in knowing we will see him again one of these days.*

*In Christ,
- Kim Hudson*

Kimberly Hudson - August 29, 2011 at 11:45 AM

DA

“ *In a time of utter pre-teen and teenage uncertainty, Mr. Raper was a consistent, comforting and inspiring presence. The entire Alano family sends our condolences.*
Danise (Class of '88)

Danise Alano-Martin - August 29, 2011 at 10:27 AM

JC

“ *I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ralph. I will always remember his kindness to my children, Cassie and Logan, when Eleanor Pope was his secretary. They would wait with Eleanor in the mornings for school to start, and wait again with her after school. I think he enjoyed having them come in, and didn't consider it a disruption of Eleanor's work.*
Of course, I will never forget the family music get togethers. If Brett was playing his fiddle in a band for any one of my brothers, you can bet that the whole Raper Family would be there showing their support.
My prayers go out to all of you. May God be with you as you face these tough days. HE will give you strength.

Judy Vandeventer Correll - August 26, 2011 at 11:37 PM

JN

“ *Ralph was a great man and will be truly missed. He will forever remain in our hearts and we take comfort in knowing he is watching over us from above. The Rapers are a great family, and have been a blessing to be in our lives. Please know we will be there for all of you anytime you need anything! May God give you peace at this difficult time.*

Jack & Patty Norris - August 26, 2011 at 09:14 PM

SJ

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all the Raper Family. God Bless you all...*

Spec & Debbie Jackson - August 26, 2011 at 04:58 PM

KW

“ *Ralph was a wonderful teacher, administrator, and member of this community! His presence will live on in his children, grandchildren and all of the people he has touched in this community! You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! He will be missed! Karen White*

Karen (Armstrong) White - August 26, 2011 at 12:09 PM

KF

“ *What a fine fine man and a great inspiration to me in high school. He always smiled and said hello and genuinely cared. God has another great saint with Him. When I think of Mr Raper, I always smile. Deepest sympathy to the family. We don't need to tell you how amazing your dad was, but know we all felt the same :)*

Kathy Wells Fradette - August 26, 2011 at 10:11 AM

LA

“ *To the Raper Family: There are places within our hearts that can only be filled with memories & places in our souls that can only be healed by time. Praying that God surrounds you with His peace and comfort.*

Leon & Pam Allen - August 26, 2011 at 09:31 AM

JM

“ *What a wonderful man this world has lost. He was so great at his jobs in the school systems, and respected by everyone. He was so kind and always had a smile. He will be missed by many. Cherish your memories that will live in your hearts forever.*

Jeff & Joyce McIntyre - August 26, 2011 at 08:35 AM

KG

“ *Words are not enough to express my sadness at the passing of my Friend~He was a Truly Special Man! Mr.Raper had a God-given way of making all around him Smile! Godspeed Dear Friend...*

Kimberly Bartlett Gooding - August 25, 2011 at 06:47 PM

MR

“ *Wanda and family;
I'm so sorry for your loss. Ralph was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. May all your wonderful memories live on and help to ease your pain and sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Marcia Ranard-Waldrip - August 25, 2011 at 06:06 PM

DN

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr.Raper.He was a wonderful person and teacher. Our thought and prayers are with you. David & Judy*

David & Judy Norman - August 25, 2011 at 04:55 PM

KU

“ I have had the wonderful experience of knowing and loving the entire Raper family and to have worked with Mr. Raper at Bloomfield Schools. He was a great man, so good to my entire family, and I miss knowing I won't see or get to talk to him anymore. May his family find some comfort in knowing he is 'singing with the Angels' in Heaven now!

Kelli Crays Usrey - August 25, 2011 at 03:14 PM

SC

“ He was an inspiration to many. He will not be forgotten!

Sabrina Carter - August 25, 2011 at 01:43 PM

SH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Ralph was a good, gentle, and kind man and always friendly to everyone. He will be greatly missed.

Sherry (Nonte) Hixon - August 25, 2011 at 01:30 PM

LS

“ Ralph Raper was a very highly respected man of God. May God give peace, strength & comfort to his family & friends.

Liz Baird Shidler - August 25, 2011 at 01:23 PM

LB

“ My heart is heavy knowing what your family is going through. But heaven has another wonderful angel. Ralph was a wonderful man who will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God comfort you in your time of need. Mr. Raper always called me Magpie. I had him as a teacher and he told me that I was just like a magpie. I talked all the time. Going to miss him calling me that.R

Larry and Beverly Burris - August 25, 2011 at 12:58 PM

CM

“ I was saddened by the news of Mr. Raper's passing. He was a wonderful teacher and friend. I will never forget the times I spent with him. The family is in my heart and my thoughts. Mr. Raper, you will truly be missed.

Cami Malone Mattingly - August 25, 2011 at 11:17 AM

JM

“ So very sorry for your loss. I went to school, a grade behind, with Ralph through High School. He was a kind, very quiet young man.

Joyce (Fry) Meadows - August 25, 2011 at 10:44 AM

SP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I have many fond memories from when he was at Switz City Central with my dad and when I worked for him temporarily at Bloomfield Junior High. He was an awesome person and educator, and I feel very blessed to have known him.

God bless and comfort you in your time of loss.

Susan Street Pardue - August 25, 2011 at 10:43 AM

LH

“ Wandalyn, Brett Daniel, Mark and Erin, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have lost a special man but our loss is God's gain. I have several good childhood memories with Ralph (my cousin). He could be a little rascal when he was a youngster. May God give each of you comfort and peace.

Your Georgia relatives, Laura Jean (Crane), Brad, Angie and Emily Hollingshead.

Laura Jean Hollingshead - August 25, 2011 at 10:03 AM

PV

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss the small talks with Ralph. He always had time for everyone!

Pat & Mitzi Vaught - August 25, 2011 at 09:56 AM

PP

“ We are so sorry to hear about your dad Bret. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Patty and Dale Pace - August 25, 2011 at 09:18 AM

JV

“ Ralph was a kind a good man. Always friendly and nice to me. He and his family have been good friends to my family all my life. My Dad, Mother, brothers and sistr had a great relationship with the entire family. Please accept my sympathy on behalf of my family.
Jerrill Vandeventer

Jerrill Vandeventer - August 25, 2011 at 08:54 AM

ST

“ Bret and Angela - We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Scott & Penny

Scott and Penny Trilling - August 25, 2011 at 08:50 AM

MP

“ I'll always remember Mr. Raper walking the halls of the junior high school in Bloomfield. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.
God Bless

Michelle Hamlin Peterson - August 24, 2011 at 08:43 PM

SC

“ Erin and family, I am sorry for your loss. Although this is a blessed promotion for your dad, it is a major loss for his family and friends left here to carry on. I just wanted you to know I was thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers. God Bless! Sara Correll (Linton)

Sara Correll - August 24, 2011 at 08:24 PM

LH

“ So sad to hear this news. We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.

Loren & Kerri Helms - August 24, 2011 at 08:01 PM

DT

“ On behalf of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield, I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Raper.

Dr. Murray Thompson - August 24, 2011 at 07:38 PM

SV

“ We both have many memories of Mr. Raper and his family. From country music, clogging and school to providing much needed comfort through tough times, we have appreciated the Raper family so much. We know many people share our sentiments that Mr. Raper has been such an important role model. As young kids we admired and respected him. As adults, we try to treat our own students the way he treated us. Thank you to his family for sharing him with all of us; our thoughts and prayers surround you for a peace that passes understanding.

Sean and Lori Vandevanter - August 24, 2011 at 07:27 PM

KH

“ I'm truly sorry for your loss. Mr Raper was a wonderful man and has touched so many peoples lives that he will be missed. God has another god man by his side.

Kelly isenogle hall - August 24, 2011 at 06:32 PM

LG

“ To the family and friends of the late Ralph Raper my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Mr. Raper was the best male teacher I ever had. Graduate of the Class of 1966.

Larry Goad - August 24, 2011 at 04:36 PM

KS

“ I was saddened to hear about the loss of Mr. Raper. He was a great man. Very kind. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Kathy Stalcup - August 24, 2011 at 04:34 PM

TD

“ Ralph was a wonderful man and a great influence. I'll remember him fondly when thinkng back through my school days. Please accept our deepest sympathies.

Tammi L. Duzan (BHS Class of '90) & Devin

Tammi L. Duzan - August 24, 2011 at 04:18 PM