



David L. Ritchie

July 30, 1933 - August 31, 2011

David L. Ritchie, age 78, of Fredericksburg, passed away Wednesday, August 31st, 2011 at West View Manor Nursing Center in Wooster.

Graveside services will be Saturday, 11:00 a.m. at Apple Creek Cemetery in Apple Creek.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., in Wooster is privileged with serving the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the American Heart Association, Canton Metro Office, 4916 Hills & Dales Rd., NW, Canton, Ohio 44708.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

He was the son of David W. and Lela (Saurer) Ritchie and was born in Apple Creek on July 30, 1933. He graduated from Apple Creek High School class of 1951. He received his Bachelors degree from Miami University in 1955. He served two years in the United States Army while stationed in Germany. He then received his Masters degree from Miami University in 1962.

Dave started his career in teaching at Sterling school in 1955, then resumed it when he returned from the service. He taught at Norwayne school district and was head basketball coach and assistant baseball coach for 6 years. His next teaching job took him to Chardon schools and was head basketball and head cross country coach as well and math teacher and assistant baseball coach.

He then went to Streetsboro schools and in 1971 married Vicki (Sutherland). She survives.

He then became Principal at Black River Schools and remained there until he went to Wellington Schools and retired from there in 1986. Dave served several school districts after retirement as interim administrator and finally ended his educational career where he started at Norwayne in 1996. Dave loved being with his children whether as a coach or a fan. He was also a great Indians fan and was a member of Apple Creek United Methodist Church of Christ.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Mark David (Angela) Ritchie and Matthew Lee (Anna) Ritchie and granddaughter, Peyton; a daughter, Melissa (Angelo) Gillono with grandsons, Andrew, Angelo and Donivin; a brother, Don (Jackie) Ritchie and numerous nieces and great nieces and great nephews.

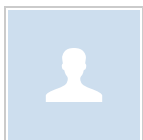
He is preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ We are sorry for your loss and as time passes, your grieving will lessen, but there is always that void in your heart. We were both 1960 Norwayne graduates. Mr. Richie tutored me after school at Sterling as I had half of my Senior year to go. He never asked for payment, but I remembered buying him a shirt. Miss Gertsenlager also tutored me at the same time to help me get enough credits to graduate. Without his help, it would have not been possible. I remember him often in the years to come as I worked full-time for 35 years and without my dipolma I wouldn't have gotten a good job. Again, you and your family are in our prayers as we know what you are going through as we lost a grandson a few years ago and today, that hole is still in my heart.##imported-begin##Darla (Landes) Gasser & Elmer Gasser##imported-end##

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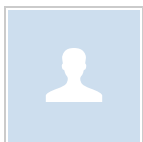


“ Vicki,

Were sorry to hear about your loss. May God be with you.

Val & Gregg##imported-begin##Valerie Edmond##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are sent to Mr. Ritchie's family. A great Norwayne teacher we will not forget. God Bless You.##imported-begin##Kathy Beichler Skees##imported-end##

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“ It seems as though it was only yesterday that we went to school together. I can vividly remember that smile of yours. I am extending my sympathy to you and your family. May it help to know that others care. God bless.##imported-begin##Vicki Ebbing (Cisco)##imported-end##

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“ Vicki and famiy, I am so sorry for your loss. May GOD give you the peace and comfort that only he can give. You all are in my prayers.

Your bowling buddy & friend##imported-begin##Barb Flickinger##imported-end##

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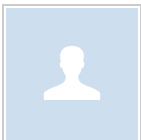


“ "Cheif" was a nickname he had as we were taught and coached by him. I was a student of his at Sterling and played on a state runner up Hot Stove (13-14yr. olds)baseball team. He inspired many. He even attended volleyball and basketball games I coached at Norwayne. We will always remember the fairness he treated us all with.

May God bless your family.

Jim Glessner##imported-begin##Jim Glessner##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 08:16 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Pat Adams Howard##imported-end##

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“ *My condolences to the family. Mr. Ritchie was my freshman Algebra teacher. He was very influential and I have many good memories.##imported-begin##James C. Stebbins##imported-end##*

September 03, 2011 at 07:31 AM



“ *"Years of caring and times of sharing create a love that lives forever." May the thoughts and prayers of those that knew Dave bring comfort to your family.
I was a middle school student (Sterling) of Dave's. He had the gift and heart for educating his students.
My thoughts and prayers will be with you. ~ God Bless You
~##imported-begin##Josephine (Gasser) Dunevant##imported-end##*

September 02, 2011 at 05:39 PM