



Wayne DeRossett

October 7, 1940 - April 26, 2019

Wayne Eugene DeRossett, age 78, of Bolivar, Missouri, passed away early Friday morning, April 26th, 2019, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Wayne, the only child of Harold and Maxine (Bond) DeRossett, was born in Morrisville, Missouri on October 7, 1940. Wayne married Norma Jean (Sewell) DeRossett on May 23, 1964. To this union were born two sons, Brent and Eric. Wayne was a member of First Baptist Church of Bolivar.

Wayne was a graduate of Morrisville schools, and was a member of the Morrisville High School class of 1958. Wayne went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Math from Southwest Missouri State College, and later a master's degree in Math Education from Southwest Missouri State University.

Wayne dedicated his professional life to educating young people, spending 34 years as a high school Math teacher in Pleasant Hope schools, and retiring from Pleasant Hope in 2000 with a total of 37 years teaching high school in the local area. After his retirement from Pleasant Hope, Wayne served 15 years as an adjunct Math instructor at Southwest Baptist University.

Countless students in the area benefited from Wayne's superior teaching skills and mentorship. His faithful example of quiet and gentle strength will live on in the lives of his wife, his sons, his grandchildren, and the innumerable students he taught over the years.

Survivors included Norma DeRossett, of the home, son Brent DeRossett of Ozark, and his wife, Debbie; Eric DeRossett of Bolivar, and his wife, Denise. Additional family survivors include the grandchildren: Garrett DeRossett of Brooklyn, New York, and his wife, Hope; Nathan DeRossett of Bolivar, and his wife, Jordan; Regan DeRossett of Fort Collins, Colorado; and Aleena DeRossett of Bolivar. Wayne also leaves behind many beloved family members and friends.

Services are being hosted by Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, Missouri. Visitation is Sunday April 28 at the Funeral Home from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The funeral is Monday April 29 at 10:00 am at the funeral home with burial following at Slagle Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial donations to the Wayne DeRossett Scholarship Fund.

Comments



“ Many prayers for your family during this difficult time. I am so thankful to have had Wayne as my mentor and cooperating teacher many years ago.

Sandy Branstetter

Joel and Alexis Foster

Johnnie & Shirley Branstetter

Sandy Branstetter - April 28, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ Always had time to help me understand. Gentle strength is an amazing way to describe him. I am a better person because of him.

Olivia Barlow-Ryan - April 27, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ Wayne, I was first introduced to you in September 1960 in the SMS library. We spent a lot of time there swapping tales. From the beginning I always admired and respected your calm, deliberative manner and always with a twinkle in your eye. I knew there was a humorous remark to follow. Over the many years since those days I have observed what a good man, husband, and father you have been with your family, You will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Joyce and I send our love and prayers to Norma, Brent, Eric, and their families May God comfort you.

Eugne & Joyce Ussery - April 27, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ Mr. DeRossett was my best and favorite high school teacher. I partially attribute my ability to complete my post high school education and my successful career in cancer care to his patient and thorough teaching.

Jennifer Ewert - April 27, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ He was a great teacher, wonderful man, and amazing mentor. He never knew that he was the most influential mathematician in my life. He made me want to learn and be great at math. I never went as far as I could, but he made me want to be great at what I did. Thank you Mr D for all you have taught me.

chris billings - April 26, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ I remember a particularly rambunctious day. Me D became tired of our verbal shenanigans. He turned around and gave us the scolding needed. He got frustrated and threw the chalk, blindly, over his shoulder. Landed perfectly in the chalk tray from 10' without looking. The most super hero move I have seen in real life.

chris billings - April 26, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ Norma, Brent, Eric and your respected families, please except my heart filled condolences for your loss of Wayne. Mr. DeRossett was handed to me at the beginning of my seventh year of school. St first I wasn't sure about him, always chewing gum, always so soft spoken and passionate about his Math. I remember in eighth grade after being given an assignment, I asked him why we had to do this stuff, once I was out of his class, I would never use it again. He turned, and gave me that sheepish grin of his and told me to “appease him”. I did. In 1980 while working at Walmart in Bolivar, we were swamped with customers, and I was asked to open a line. The trick back then was to be able to type fast(thank you Mrs Dunseth) in order to move the lines. I immediately began checking people out, without really. Looking up st them. I was deep into strategic mode, when I hear this soft familiar voice saying,”But Mr DeRossett, I am never going to use this again.” I looked up and smiled, and said, “just appease me”. We both laughed. In later years he also taught my kids. Mr. D, the world lost a truly remarkable man that was truly loved and admired by his students, and as you gained your Angel wings, we lost a wonderful reminder of teenage years gone by. Please Dear Lord, wrap each member of his family and friends, tightly in your arms. Give them the strength and courage to endure the dark days ahead, and show them your love. We are praying for you, and share in your sorrow.

Tammy Johnston
Pleasant Hope High School
Class of 1978



Tammy Johnston - April 26, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Tonya Smith lit a candle in memory of Wayne DeRossett



tonya smith - April 26, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. John was in his class and they were good friends. Norma Lindsey Smith.

norma smith - April 26, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ Wayne was a very dedicated teacher and a wonderful person. I feel blessed to have been able to work with him. Sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.

Dr. Chris Woodhead (Blackburn) - April 26, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ I always thought it special that Mr. Derossett (tried to teach) me Algebra in 1966 at Morrisville and taught both of my children at Pleasant Hope in the late 80's early 90's. May God grant peace and wonderful memories for his family. Sincerely, Sharlanda

Sharlanda Schleifer - April 26, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ I am a 1985 graduate of Pleasant Hope High School, and can attribute much of the success in my career as an electrical engineer, to a solid mathematics foundation provided by Mr. DeRossett. To this day, I have great respect for such a strong mentor in my life, during my formidable years. Thank you Mr. DeRossett for investing in my life, and the investments you made in so many other lives throughout the years. - David Kirby

David Kirby - April 26, 2019 at 02:13 PM