



## Marvin Byard

February 14, 1943 - June 6, 2005

Marvin C. Byard, 62, of Kankakee, died Monday (June 6, 2005) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday. Cremation rites will be accorded after the services.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Mr. Byard was a math teacher at Clifton High School, retiring in 2002 after over 35 years of service. He was born Feb. 17, 1943, in Pierceville, Ind., the son of Charles and Golda Albright Byard. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, boating and horseshoes. Surviving are his wife, the former Debra Sippel, whom he married July 17, 1992, in Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Brook Stewart of Corpus Christi, Texas; two stepsons, Randy (Heather Barnes) Pierce of Kankakee, Derek Pierce at home; his mother, Golda Littlejohn of Edinburgh, Ind.; one sister and brother-in-law, Dolores and Glen Wilcoxson of Edinburgh, Ind.; one brother, John (Judy Breese) Littlejohn of Columbus, Ind.; two grandchildren, Darian Stewart and Lily Pierce; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are his father; and stepfather, Harry Littlejohn.

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“ Making the adjustment from grade school to junior high could've been a tough one for me. ¶½Thanks to great people like Mr. Byard it wasn't. ¶½In 5th and 6th grade, math was becoming my least favorite subject. ¶½Mr. Byard turned that around. ¶½Math never was my best subject, but his patience and advice to take every problem one step at a time kept me from being overwhelmed by it. ¶½Now in my mid-30's, I can appreciate what kind of person it takes to be patient with a roomful of junior high students, and that kind of person definately deserves all the respect in the world.<br><br><br><br>In addition to respecting him as a patient math teacher, though, we liked him for fostering our outside interests. ¶½He could've spent all of his lunch hours in the teacher's lounge to get a much-deserved break. ¶½Instead, when he learned that several of us wanted to have chess tournaments, he hosted them in his room during a few lunch hours.<br><br><br><br>Making the adjustment from grade school to junior high could've been much harder. ¶½Thanks to a home room teacher who made John L. Nash feel more like a home, it wasn't. <br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Steve Estes##imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to Mr. Byard's Family.<br><br>He had a huge heart and a whole lot of patience. I can remember Mr. Byard helping me constantly with my Algebra..a subject I had always struggled with but he somehow got it through my skull that I could do the work and pass. And I will never forget him laughing so hard that I aced all of my Geometry quizzes. He will always be one of the teachers that sticks out in my memory: Grinning and always willing to help his students out. Thank you, Mr. Byard. Rest in Peace.<br><br><br><br>P.S. You were the coolest looking teacher holding a protractor :)###imported-begin##Jackie Leveque Clark###imported-end##

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“ I remember Mr. Byard in both a teacher role and the roll of my friend after graduation. We played basketball together in the Chebanse Civic Center for many years, and had many good times together. I will miss him dearly and my prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Christopher Campbell###imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry for your loss. Marv and I go back a long time. We played ball together in our younger days, then played pool many, many times in his basement in Kankakee. We also taught together in the Clifton School system. We also feel some of your loss as he was a good friend. ¶¶¶imported-begin¶¶¶Larry and Mary Holder¶¶¶imported-end¶¶¶

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“ To the family of Mr. Byard:<br><br><br><br>Your loved one taught both of my kids, Russ VanTassel and Terri VanTassel Henneike. They both learned a great deal from him. He was a marvelous teacher and a very important role model to his students. It was a privilege and honor for us to have had him in our school district and to have had him teach our children. Thank you all for ahring him with us all out in the community. He will be forever remembered. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you all as you travel this road.<br><br>Sincerely, Kathie VanTassel Grazis<br><br><br>¶¶¶imported-begin¶¶¶Kathie VanTassel Grazis¶¶¶imported-end¶¶¶

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“ I wanted to tell you all how sorry I am to hear of Mr. Byard's passing. ¶¶¶I was one of his students that he taught at Clifton (algebra). ¶¶¶He always appeared to love teaching. ¶¶¶God bless.¶¶¶imported-begin¶¶¶Robin Fairfield-Byard¶¶¶imported-end¶¶¶

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“ I just wanted to let you all know how very sorry I am to hear about Marvin. I didn't find out the funeral arrangements in time to send flowers. So I wanted to let you know we are thinking of you all.  
i ½##imported-begin##Amy Shelton(Breese)##imported-end##

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“ So very sorry to hear about Marvin. i ½You and and your family are in our thoughts and prayers Debbie!##imported-begin##Mike, Linda and Brandi Hamlyn##imported-end##

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“ Debbie and family,<br><br><br><br>Our deepest sympathy on your loss. <br><br>##imported-begin##George and Marilyn Juergens##imported-end##

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“ when we heard that he passed on we were sad tp hear.so we thought we would put a tribute in hear.He was Rachel's teacher and did a good job at that.Then last year i was sick and i needed to be homebound they gave me him.i wasnt so happy but my sister told me to give him a chance he was a nice guy.well i ended up seeing that he was a very nice guy.he worked w/ me and helped me out more then i could ever have asked for.so thats are tribute.thanks and sorry about the lose.##imported-begin##Nicole##imported-end##

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“ Marv taught me junior high school math, then after I graduated I played softball against him in Herscher & K3. I also played basketball with him for many years in Chebanse at the Civic Center.  
  
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss, Marv was a very nice man. My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Chuck Elliot##imported-end##

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“ We will all cherish the memories..... With Deepest and Kathy Benoit and Family##imported-begin##Greg and Kathy Benoit##imported-end##

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“ teacher to two of our children., jennifer and jarred laird. marvin we will never forget the old days ar russ and rosies. we had so much fun . it's too bad that friends lose contact with one another. debbie we wish you only the best. we only wish we could have met you.##imported-begin##mr. and mrs. larry larry##imported-end##

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