



Gerald Manuel

December 5, 1931 - February 27, 2015

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“ *Gerald Manuel*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Mr. Manuel was my 7th grade English teacher....he was wonderful! Had a great sense of humor. One day I had worked really hard to get my hair up into an elaborate updo (this was 1962)...any because I had bright red hair...he referred to me as his Rhode Island Red Hen.....probably now socially appropriate today but it was all taken in great fun. He was a task master and you had to earn your grade. He challenged me and helped prepare me for transition to high school in Lebanon, Indiana. As a 7th grader I thought he was really "old"...but I now realize he was only 17 yrs older than me. I hope these fond memories will bring a laugh to you but also let you know what a difference he made in so many kids lives!! Debi Reid Platt*

debi platt - March 08, 2015 at 06:43 PM

SW

“*Mr. Manuel was one of my favorite teachers! This is such sad news. He was energetic and fun and actually instilled grammar in us that to this day I still remember learning in his class. (He drilled us on the "helper verbs," coaching us to say them as fast as we could in this order: be, am, is, are, was, were, been, being, have, has, had, do, does, did, shall, should, can, could, will, would, may, might, must. I taught my own kids that, and they, too, had fun with it.) Although I couldn't have articulated it at the time I was his student, in looking back I see what set him apart from the thousands of teachers out there. He genuinely enjoyed being at school. He genuinely liked his job. And for some reason he seemed to get a kick out of junior-high-school-aged kids - and we undoubtedly were totally dorky. He never let the lines between his authority and our student status become blurred, but he was our friend. And we respected him as much as we had fun with him and his class. I haven't forgotten him all these years. Nor, Barbara, have I forgotten you! Please accept my condolences for your loss. - Susan LaMar Wade*

Susan Wade - March 06, 2015 at 07:00 PM

KN

“*Michele and family:*

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Manuel. I did not have him as a teacher but he was always nice and had a smile on his face. Keep his memories close to your heart and he will always be with you. Prayers are being sent your way.

Karen Neaville

Karen Neaville - March 06, 2015 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ Becky, Michele and Rick, I am sorry to hear of Gerry's death. As you know, I taught with him for many years at LHS, and shared many hours at score tables at athletic events.
May God grant you strength at this trying time.

Jim Bogan - March 05, 2015 at 12:59 PM

PO

“ I will always remember Mr.Manuel as a great teacher and as a wonderful parent of a good friend, Michele. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.
Portia Ferguson Edens

portia - March 05, 2015 at 08:11 AM

BI

“ I was so saddened by reading of Mr. Manuel's passing. I worked in the copy room of the high school, and I loved it when he came in to our room. Talking to him was just like talking to a comedienne. He was soooo funny. My daughter had him for her English class, and she also loved him. She said so many times. I, and my daughter, will miss him very much. He was the greatest. With great affection for his family. The Lord will help you through this solemn time.
Sincerely,
Beverly Kettrey and Brandy (Bunting) Davis

Beverly Kettrey-Lebanon, IN. - March 05, 2015 at 03:37 AM

DH

“ Jerry was my senior English teacher at Lebanon. He was "my favorite teacher" and to this day I still remember how special he was to me. He was a caring and loving teacher and his students were blessed by his teaching.
Sincerely, Debbie Heck

Debbie Heck - March 04, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ I worked in the English Department with Jerry from the fall of 1986 through his retirement. I was fortunate to have him as a mentor and a friend. One of my favorite memories was the day the staff paid tribute to him by having a Dress Like Jerry Manuel Day...there were several Bears shirts, suspenders, and colorful socks! His deep love for his family was obvious. I am forever grateful for his friendship, support, and suggestions...he was a great listener who was willing to answer the questions of an eager young teacher. My thoughts are with his family and my day has been filled with lots of memories.
Bob Gould

Robert Gould - March 04, 2015 at 04:54 PM

CM

“ I was so fortunate to have Mr. Manuel for 2 years in high school. He prepared me so well for college and beyond! I will never forget him. My condolences to the family.
Carla (Thomas) Mast

Carla Mast - March 04, 2015 at 04:39 PM

 Julie Jones

“ Mr Manuel was one of my favorite teachers. My thoughts and prayers are with you . Michele hugs to you .

Julie (Klooz) Jones

Julie Jones - March 04, 2015 at 02:04 PM

PH

“ *Mr. Manuel was one of my favorite teachers. More importantly, he was one of my favorite people. I loved his sense of humor and the way he genuinely cared. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I know he will be greatly missed.*

Pam Perdue Hodges

Pam Perdue Hodges - March 04, 2015 at 12:47 PM

JD

“ *I taught with Gerald for 30 years. He was always an inspiration to me. I consider him one of the best things about my career. He was a conscientious and caring teacher and colleague. He had a great sense of humor. His temper tantrums were rare but memorable! I cried when he retired, because I knew how much I would miss him. I have thought of him often during my own retirement years. My condolences to all his family and friends.*

Judy Dukes (Everhart)

Judy Dukes - March 04, 2015 at 11:52 AM

CA

“ *Hello Becky, Michelle and Rick. I am sorry to hear about your loss. We have some good memories growing up in the old neighborhood. Please take care of yourselves.*

Best wishes

Carolyn (Hoffman) Miller

Carolyn - March 04, 2015 at 10:15 AM

SB

I was fortunate to have Mr. Manuel for both freshman and senior English. He made grammar so easy to understand, and he prepared me well for college. My condolences to his family.

Steve Boatman - March 04, 2015 at 04:11 PM

M8

Mr. Manuel was one of my favorite people ever, and a great English teacher. My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Melissa (Allen) Detamore LHS class of 88 - March 04, 2015 at 04:26 PM

PH

Love and prayers to Becky. Fond memories from childhood. Peggy Hawkins Hedrick

Peggy "Hawkins" Hedrick - March 05, 2015 at 04:15 AM

MM

I too had the pleasure of having Mr. Manuel as my English teacher. He was my favorite! His sincerity and genuine love for his job and students was infectious. He will be missed.

Missy (Nelson) Mantooth - March 05, 2015 at 07:38 AM



I'm devastated by the loss of this gifted teacher' I had him in the 9th grade back in 1976 - he was my favorite teacher' he was truly an inspiration in my life' I wish him the best in the next.

John Glendenning - March 08, 2015 at 12:28 PM

RK

Mr. Manuel was one of my favorite teachers in HS. I always liked the fact that you could have fun in his class and yet learn a great deal. He expected the best from his students. Always sad to read of a teacher from our childhood passing.

Randy Kenyon Class of 1982

Randy Kenyon - March 09, 2015 at 12:57 PM

SA

I had Mr. Manuel for my senior year ... I enjoyed his class. What I remember most were his socks! He had such vibrant socks. I've thought of my HS teachers often. RIP Mr. Manuel.

Sam Chatman, Class of '79

sam - April 01, 2015 at 09:09 PM



I only recently learned of the passing of my most favorite and beloved teacher, softball coach, mentor and friend, Mr. Manuel. I loved him like a grandfather. He taught me so much about myself. He genuinely cared for his students and treated them with dignity and respect while injecting humor and light-heartedness into every day. His class gave me a love for writing that I never knew and turned me into the journalist I am today. I am forever grateful to have know Mr. Gerald Manuel. He will live on forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him.

Amanda (Unverzagt) York, LHS Class of 1993

Amanda York - June 17, 2016 at 01:45 PM