



Joseph J. Hermiller

December 9, 1925 - October 7, 2010

Joe Hermiller, 84, of Toledo Ohio passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2010.

Born December 9, 1925 in Toledo, Ohio, he was the son of Oscar Hermiller and Anna McNamee Hermiller.

On August 20, 1956 he married Mary Louise Maier in Toledo, Ohio.

Joe graduated from Central Catholic High School in Toledo, and went on to earn both Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees in History from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois.

Joe was a teacher for 50 years, including 47 years with the Toledo Public Schools, with more than 30 years at E.L. Bowsher High School. He also taught part time at Mary Manse College in Toledo for more than 20 years. During summers he worked in the Circulation Department at the Toledo Blade.

Joe primarily taught American History. Joe's love of history and interest in American history was lifelong. He was well-known, both in out of the classroom, for his history story-telling. On family vacations he took his family to historical landmarks, inspiring their interest in history as well.

Throughout the years Joe was the faculty mentor for many student teachers.

For many years he taught an Advanced Placement American History course, preparing high school students with college level coursework.

While at Bowsher High School Joe was the advisor for the quiz bowl team. He also founded and, for over 20 years, ran a Northwest Ohio quiz bowl league of teams from 15 high schools. In 1999 the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence, a nonprofit organization which runs the National Scholastics Championship (a national high school quiz bowl competition) awarded their second annual Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Award to Joe for his long-standing commitment to academic competition in Northwest Ohio.

Joe was an avid sports fan, especially following both high school football and the Toledo Mudhens. He was a booster for the football teams of Bowsher (where he taught), Central Catholic (his alma mater), and St. John's (his sons' alma mater) High Schools in Toledo.

Joe was a member of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Catholic parish since its inception in 1957. Joe also belonged to their Knights of Columbus.

Joe is survived by his wife Mary Lou of Toledo, Ohio and his three children James and Dixie Hermiller of Brownsburg, Indiana; Thomas Hermiller of Rolling Meadows, Illinois; and Susan Hermiller and Mark Brittenham, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral home, 1770 Reynolds Rd on Sunday October 10, 2010 from 2-8 p.m. where a vigil service will be held at 7:00. Funeral services will begin in the mortuary on Monday Oct. 11 at 9:30 a.m. followed by the mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church. Interment will follow in Resurrection cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *My prayers to the family, Mr. Hermiller was a wonderful educator and he will be missed by many Bowsher graduates as well as this community.##imported-begin##ann o'halloran annohalloran@sbcglo bal.net##imported-end##*

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“ *Im sorry for your loss. Mr. Hermiller was one of my teachers at Bowsher high school in the years of 1979-1982. He was one of my favorite teachers. He cared about his students, especially ones that he knew had the potential to do better than they were. He took the time to take his students aside and talk to them on a one on one basis about the problems that they were having in his class. Thank you Mr. Hermiller and rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mary Hawkins Emmett##imported-end##*

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“ *Joe Hermiller meant something very special for me. Joe was my Godfather. Even though I have not kept in contact with Joe and the family over the yeas, I would often ask about him through my mother, Joan Kyle.*

I wish Joe a restful sleep and he will always be in my memory as a loving and caring Godfather. He was a kindred spirit.

All my love, Bernard##imported-begin##Bernard Francis Kyle berna rdkyle@comcast.net##imported-end##

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“ Condolences from second cousins from Ottawa, Oh.##imported-begin##Francis X. & Jane Hermiller##imported-end##

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“ Dear Susan and Family.
Susan, I went to school with you. My Families thoughts and prayers go out to you and your Family. Bless you,
Deb Krauser Eaton##imported-begin##Deb Krauser Eaton deaton3@comcast.net##imported-end##

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“ To Mary - I am truly sorry for your loss. Though I didn't know you and Joe very long, I felt honored to know him and you. I always enjoyed taking care of him when he would come through JD's Drive-Thru. He was special! I will, of course, continue to enjoy your visits too Mary! Peace, Myra Anne.##imported-begin##Myra Anne Abel m aacoffee@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mary Lou,

Wanted to let you know how much Joe meant in my life. as my instructor at Mary Manse he was the determining factor in my getting a Masters degree in history. I will always remember him with fondness.

love and prayers,

Fran Benlein##imported-begin##Fran Benlein##imported-end##

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bnsnacks@roadrunner.com###imported-end##

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“ I only learned of your loss recently. I always enjoyed his smile and
wit. I also enjoyed seeing the special relationship he had with his
daughter Sue. God's blessings to the whole family. Bob###imported-
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