



## Mark Brookins Welker

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Mark B. Welker was born December 17, 1921 to Archie and Helen (Lehman) Welker in Toledo, Ohio. Mark attended Raymer Elementary School before entering the halls of Waite High School. Mark started his love of sports early in life and continued on that path at Waite. Playing under Coach Jack Mollenkopf he participated in football for four years, playing on two city championship teams and one state championship team. He also played basketball for four years, being a member of the District Championship team in 1940. In addition to football and basketball, Mark wrestled and played baseball for three years, being the team homerun leader in 1941.

After graduating from Waite in 1941, Mark went on to attend BGSU majoring in Education. In 1942 Mark put his education on hold, and joined the U.S. Navy as an aviation cadet and earned his Navy wings, becoming a carrier pilot flying a TBF Avenger off the CVE Solomon. He returned to college at BGSU in 1945 and completed his degree in 1947. While attending BGSU he met, and later married, Maxine (Mickey) J. Campbell. Together they had four sons. Mark returned to Waite in 1947 for 38 years as a teacher, devoting 22 of those years to coaching basketball, football, and baseball as well. He also went on to earn his Masters degree from the University of Toledo in 1956. Mark retired from Waite in 1985.

During his 15 year run as Waite's baseball coach he produced teams that won

two city championships, three sectional championships, one district championship, and one regional championship. During this time his teams won 139 games and lost 79.

Mark was instrumental in getting a new baseball diamond installed at Waite in 1967. Memorial Field, as it was later named, was dedicated to the memory of all students and athletes who served in the Armed Forces. In 1972, he also channeled his energy into getting a Hockey program underway at Waite. In April 2016 Mark was honored at the dedication of a new sports facility at Waite High School named The Mark B. Welker Athletic Complex. The complex currently houses a new softball field, with plans to add basketball and tennis courts.

Mark was preceded in death by his loving wife Maxine(Mickey), and brother Raynor Welker. He is survived by sister Joyce Welker; sons Jon(Sue), Kenn(Penny), Scott(Sue), and Brooks; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Sunday January 29, 2017 from 2-8 pm. Funeral services will be held on Monday January 30th. at Zion United Methodist Church, 2600 Copland Blvd., at 10am. where the family will receive visitors beginning at 9 am. Interment Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Memorials may take the form of contributions to Waite High School Alumni Association or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Please view and sign the guest registry at [coylefuneralhome.com](http://coylefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Ottawa Hills Memorial

4210 W Central Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 29.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

**JAN 30.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Zion United Methodist Church  
2600 Copland Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ My family and I remember Mark and his wife fondly. Mark was first a student and player of my father's. Then, after receiving his teaching degree, he became a trusted colleague and lifelong friend. My brothers, Mike and Tom, and I wish to express our sincere condolences. Kathy Konnert

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**Kathy Konnert** - February 04, 2017 at 11:32 AM

LM

“ Mr Welker was a legend at Waite High School and he was an example of what all humanity should emulate. Heaven is now a better place because of Mark Welker residing there!  
Lyle McDonald RN, Waite High School class of 1969

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**Lyle McDonald** - January 29, 2017 at 11:01 AM

CK

“ Dear Jon, Sue and family, with deepest sympathy. May the memories bring you peace and happiness. Sincerely Cindy Kusz

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**Cindy Kusz** - January 29, 2017 at 08:43 AM

RL

“ I am so sorry to learn of you loss. Mr Welker was such a fine person. My condolences, Ron Leck, Class of 1962

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**Ronald Leck** - January 28, 2017 at 05:37 PM

GW

“ *Connie and I send our condolences to Mark's family. I worked with both Mark and Mickey at BGSU and in many alumni activities later. They were a remarkable couple, and our prayers are with you as you celebrate his life and revive memories from across the years.*  
*Gordon Ward*

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**Gordon Ward** - January 28, 2017 at 12:53 PM

 Debbie  
Justen  
Jaegle

“ *Jon and family, Dave and I are so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May you be filled with peace and blessings during this difficult time.*  
*Debbie Justen Jaegle*

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**Debbie Justen Jaegle** - January 28, 2017 at 10:13 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss please accept my sincere condolences.*

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**David Westamrk** - January 28, 2017 at 06:55 AM