



Robert E. "Bob" Kight

September 5, 1949 - January 13, 2024

Robert "Bob" E. Kight (74) of Jackson, Ohio, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the Holzer Hospital of Jackson. Bob was born September 5, 1949 in Jackson, Ohio to the late Charles and June Kight of Jackson, Ohio. In 1967, Bob graduated from Jackson High School. Bob then received a Bachelor's Degree in History for Secondary Education from the University of Rio Grande. Bob later attended the University of Dayton as a graduate student and received a Master's Degree in Education, as well as an Administrative License. Bob dedicated a total of 44 years to the education system. Bob began his career as a Health and Physical Education instructor at Gallia Academy High School. Bob then transferred his career to Jackson High School, at which he remained for 42 years. Of those 42 years, Bob served as an American History teacher for 23 years, an assistant principal for 9 years, and the athletic director for 10 years. Following Bob's retirement, Bob served on the Jackson City School Board of Education in 2017. In 2019, Bob was inducted into the State of Ohio NIAA Hall of Fame for his time and service as the athletic director. Further, Bob coached various sports for several years, throughout his career, including junior high football and basketball, varsity basketball as the assistant and head coach, and varsity baseball as assistant and head coach. In 1982, Bob won a S.E.O.A.L. Conference Title and Coach of The Year as the varsity baseball coach. Bob was zealously devoted to the betterment of Jackson City Schools and its community. Bob exhausted countless hours behind the scenes to support students, athletes, coaches,

faculty, staff, and administration. Bob was highly regarded by peers, friends, family, students, and athletes, not only in Jackson, but throughout Southeastern Ohio. Bob had countless relationships throughout his life. Bob was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. Bob cherished those close to him until his passing. Bob was also an avid sports fan and, especially, treasured the game of basketball. One of Bob's favorite quotes summarizes his life here on earth: "You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." — John Wooden, legendary UCLA basketball coach. Bob is preceded in death by his late wife Rebecca "Becky" Hughes Kight. Bob and Becky had 2 sons, David (Cara) Robert Kight of Pomeroy, Ohio and Nathaniel Joshua "NJ" Kight of Jackson, Ohio. Bob is survived by his wife Sharon Kight and their 2 daughters, Jessica (Daniel) Gwosch and Andrea (Tony) Smits. His sister Jill Baldwin of Jackson and special niece Christy (Craig) Byler, nephew Michael (Wendy) Zinn; great niece and nephews Lauren and Nathan Parks, and Derrick Zinn and great-great nephew Beau Parks. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren whom he loved dearly. Kaitlyn (Kacey) Jarvis, Kory and Dalton Kight, Lincoln and Teddy Smits and Isaiah, Jace, Kade Bullington; and extended family Michelle (Tracy) Lanning. Bob attended the Christ Church of Jackson for over 50 years. Bob has been an inspiration many and will be greatly missed throughout the community. Private family graveside services will be on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 by the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Christ Church of Jackson, located at 150 Portsmouth Street, Jackson, Ohio 45640, and the Jackson City Schools Athletic Department, located at 450 Vaughn Street, Jackson, Ohio 45640. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

12 Fairmont St
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-2090

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Thank you for your dedication and service to GAHS. GAHS Class of 1979-Jeff McKenzie

Jeff McKenzie - May 05, 2024 at 07:03 AM

RA

“ Bob will be missed dearly. Always enjoyed getting to chat with him. During coaching dead periods he would lift with us for basketball. He would always hit us with one liners and any wisdom he had to share. He always demanded we "stay hydrated" and "if you can't be good, be careful". He was a man of high character and no nonsense but he was fair and most importantly extremely caring. He did so much for our town and school system. A true legend! RIP

Reid Arnold - January 16, 2024 at 01:48 PM

BY

“ I'm so sorry for your loss David. Your dad was a great guy and I'll always remember being in his class. Rest easy Mr. Right.



Brande N Yates - January 16, 2024 at 12:25 PM

BY

Sorry ...Mr.Kight

Brande N Yates - January 16, 2024 at 12:26 PM

PS

“ NJ and David--so sorry for your loss. Great memories of running thru Jackson in the early mornings. Pete S

PETE SEMPLE - January 16, 2024 at 05:53 AM

KE

“ I loved Mr. Kight one of the best teachers and one of my favorites. My love and prayer's go out to his family. He was truly a wonderful person a great inspiration.



Kelli - January 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM

RD

“ NJ and Family
Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda Dutcher - January 15, 2024 at 07:33 PM

AR

“ Mr. Kight was such a fun and beloved teacher. He really invested his time and had concern for us students. And he tried to be approachable and relate (with a touch of good humor and teasing from time to time). He gave me a \$2 bill when I graduated (representing his belief in me and that I could succeed) ❤️ That \$2 bill meant so much to me. I hung it on my wall in college. I still have it.

Adrea Rippeth - January 15, 2024 at 02:49 PM

VM

Sharon, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Vicky Miller

Vicky Miller - January 15, 2024 at 07:54 PM



Bob was more than a teacher or coach to me. He was a trusted friend. The world was better because he was in it.

Matt Bonzo - January 16, 2024 at 11:08 AM

TW

The GAHS Class of 74 send our condolences to Coach Kight family

Timothy S Weaver - January 19, 2024 at 06:24 PM

MP

“ *Sharon and family,
Karen and I sends our condolences in the passing of your husband
and father Bob. We had the honor of conducting Bob and Sharon's
wedding ceremony while we were pastors at Jackson First Church
of the Nazarene. Our prayers are with all of you in this time of Bob's
passing.*

*Pastor Mike and Karen Percell
Bradenton, Florida*

Mike and Karen Percell - January 15, 2024 at 11:32 AM