



Raymond P. Gaynor

July 17, 1940 - July 3, 2010

Raymond P. Gaynor

Age 69, resident of Clinton Township. Passed away on Saturday, July 3, 2010.

Born July 17, 1940 in Detroit, MI. to the late William and Janet Gaynor.

Raymond was a Teacher and Principal of Guardian Angel School-Detroit for 11 years, and retired from Woodhaven School District in 2005 where he taught at Yake Elementary and was Principal at Erving Elementary School. Beloved husband of Marilyn nee Nennie for 46 years. Dear Father of Mark Carrie, Paul Rita, Deanna Mike Kulczycki, Trisha Don Measel, and John Lisa. Proud Grandfather of 15 grandchildren. Remembered by 2 brothers, 6 sisters and predeceased by two brothers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road 3 Blks E. of Van Dyke Utica, Wednesday 4:00 pm- 9:00 pm & Thursday 1-9:00 pm with rosary 7:00 pm. In state Friday 9:30 am at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church, 41300 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township; until time of Mass 10:00 am.

Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. Family request donations to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I only learned of his passing last year. He was my principal at Erving Elem. He was an amazing man, someone you could look up to. I found myself in his office often because I was in student council and he always had great ideas to improve the school. He always had swedish fish on his desk! One of the many things I'll always remember. RIP Mr. Gaynor, you'll never be forgotten.

Lindsey Lafferty - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TA

“ I was lucky enough to meet Mr. Gaynor on several occasions. He always had a smile on his face and had a knack to make others laugh. I enjoyed his stories of being an educator and an administrator. Mr. Gaynor always brightened up the spirits of everyone around him. He will be deeply missed.

Tim Anderson - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MB

“ I had the privilege to work with Raymond while he was at Yake. I have to say I am very sorry to have missed the funernal. I was out of the country for 1 month and returned to learn about Raymond this week. I enjoyed my visit with him in Nov. Raymond was a highly admired educator for good reason: he was a dedicated and inspired professional. Yet, I admired him even more as a principled family man who was generous of spirit with all, humorous, fun loving, and whose daily interactions embodied the Christian endeavor of abiding by the message in the parable of the Good Samaritan. And I once verified that he was a great football player for Ferris State University as well... Following the adage "More is caught than is taught", one learned a lot by simply observing Raymond in action. For all who loved him, rest easy. I am certain he is at peace. Pax Vobsicum. Michael Boucher

Michael C. Boucher - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BB

“ To All The Gaynor Family, It was with great sadness that I heard about the death of Mr. Gaynor. How well I remember his very first days at Guardian Angels as not only a new teacher but one of the two new men teachers to enter the school. What an impression he made on the girls!!!! He made and continued to make a great impression on all his students as evidenced by the messages in this guestbook. Not only did he touch my life, but we are proud to say all of the Badalucco kids had an opportunity to have Mr. Gaynor as a teacher, in childhood and as a friend in adulthood. We seemed to connect to each other as we were either patients of his sons, or co-workers at Merrill Lynch, or just friends enjoying those coney islands at National. Rest well Mr. Gaynor, you will be sorely missed, but remembered well. Barbara Badalucco

Barbara Badalucco - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ray was a great friend and colleague. We will miss him but remember him always. Love, Ken & Evelyn

Ken & Evelyn Kosowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

ZF

“ Ray was a special teacher with a great sense of humor and an ability to connect with his students. Our sincere condolences to Drs. Mark and Paul and the rest of the Gaynor family.

Zoia Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

AB

“ Mr. Gaynor I want to thank you for everything you did for me and everyone else's lives you touched. I not only thank you for your hard work, dedication, and inspiration, but also the countless amounts of swedish fish you always had ready to take on your desk. We will always remember you. -Alaina

Alaina Bresnahan - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

HB

“ Words can not express how sad I was to hear the news of Mr. Gaynor's passing. I was fortunate enough to have had him as a teacher at Yake Elementary, and he made such an impression in my life. He was, by far, my all time favorite teacher. His compassion for his students, his love for his job and his willingness to help anyone who needed it were unmatched. I am so proud to have known him, and will be forever grateful that he was part of my life. I often tell my own children now about Mr, Gaynor ... he may be gone from this Earth, but will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Gaynor family and to all those whose lives he touched. May he rest in peace.

Heather Pilon Bochenek - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

EB

“ I met Mr. Gaynor when he became the principal at Ervingwhere my daughters went. As my daughter told me tearfully when I shared the sad news about his passing "Mom, he wasn't just our principal, he was our friend." He certainly made everyone feel as though you were a great friend. He went above and beyond creating lasting friendships with all who met him. When we had a soccer tournament in Clinton Township, he met us there and took us to his house. He attended my daughter's grad party after he had retired, he even came to the school where I teach and shared information with my staff. His kind, caring and thoughtful ways will always be remembered by my family. God Bless Mr. Gaynor and his family. I'm glad I was able to attend the funeral service yesterday. It was a beautiful tribute to an amazing man! Estelle

Estelle Bresnahan - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

FH

“ Very sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I was a student of his at Yake and remember him fondly. Prayers to those he left behind.

Frank Hamet - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

ES

“ Ray was one of the best teachers I have ever met. Way ahead of his time. Filled with love for all and concern for others, esp. students. I will miss him.

Eric Shilakes - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KD

“ Dear Gaynor Family, We are all so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed having Mr. Gaynor as a teacher and principal at Guardian Angels. He had a positive impact on my life and the lives of so many others. I know I speak for many others when I say that our memories of him and GA are truly wonderful. Thank you for sharing him with us! Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and may God bless you all.

Kevin Donahue - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gaynor Family. What an awesome mentor he was! From the "climbing rope" to the "standing on your head" gym class. I know our family has you in our thoughts and prayers. From 1965 until 1978 at GA he has been a huge part of the "Stonehill Family" God's Blessings. . .

Karen Stonehill Gore - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

FC

“ Dear Gaynor Family Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. The Clauw Family

Felix&Eileen Clauw - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DF

“ Mark, Carrie, Heather, Eric, & Matthew- Our family is saying prayers for your family. Trust in the Lord to get you through this difficult time! Paul, Pam, Jared, & Shelby

Drapinski Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SS

“ Dear Gaynor Family, Mr. Gaynor was an awesome individual! The prayers and thoughts of the Semany family are with you. I'm sure you are all proud of the instant and lasting impression he had with those who knew him. Whether from G.A. or some other aspect of his wonderfully-lived life, we have all been blessed by knowing this truly genuine man. He had a way of making us each feel special, and his smile was absolutely the BEST. You've climbed to the top of the rope now, Mr. Gaynor. Rest peacefully. We will miss you. From one of your many admirers -

Sharon Baksa Semany - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KL

“ Rest in Peace Mr. Gaynor. I'll never forget the talks and the advice you would give me when I was a student at Guardian Angels. You were truly an inspiration. Thank you.

Kimberly Sidebottom Lucas - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LW

“ I had Mr. Gaynor first as a gym teacher and then as a principal at G.A. I never could climb that rope all the way to the top, but his cheerful encouragement always kept me trying. RIP, Mr. Gaynor, and my sincerest condolences to your family.

Linda Wilson-Brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

GF

“ My condolences to the Gaynor family. So many great memories of Mr. Gaynor at GA during my youth. He spent the better part of a Saturday with my friend and I replacing a basketball hoop in the schoolyard. He always made time to help others - he will be missed!

Greg Flynn - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KK

“ My deepest condolences and most sincere prayers are with you at this time. Mr. Gaynor was my 5th grade teacher at Yake Elementary. I was a new student that year and he was one of the best teachers I've ever had! I appreciate his dedication to students and thier educations! God Bless you!

Kelly Klug - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

E'

“ My condolences to your family. What a wonderful tribute to see how many lives he touched throughout the years. I ran into him Downriver many years after GA and was amazed that he remembered who I was, especially after the thousands of kids he taught. He's left a great legacy.

Ellen Kessler McNally '72 - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of this great man. He was always so encouraging and kind to everyone. We lived on Payton, right behind his inlaws furniture store, and my parents & I would spend time talking with him almost every week. He would brag to my parents that I was the first one that climbed to the top of the rope in gym class. He always had time to listen and gave great advice. Heaven is very lucky to have a true "Guardian Angel". Class of 1972

Marilyn Flynn Raney - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MS

“ Dear Deanna, Paul, Mark, Trisha and John, How sorry we are that you have lost your beloved Father. He was a kind and gentle soul. His legacy will be his caring and loving children! He is blessed!
Margo Schuch and Family

Margo Schuch - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

AM

“ To the Ray Gaynor Family: My deepest sympathy. I remember Mr. Gaynor back in the early '70s from Guardian Angels. He was a great gym Teacher and a Principal who could easily be approached to talk to as well as being an efficient administrator. Although I haven't seen him since that time, it still saddens me.

Anita Marshall-Wagner - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

NC

“ Dear Gaynor Family, Mr. Gaynor was so well liked and respected by all of the students at Guardian Angels. May God comfort you at this difficult time. Nancy Coscione

Nancy Coscione - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MK

“ To the Gaynor Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cherish all your wonderful family memories. Have hope in tomorrow, have faith in the everlasting, and take comfort in the love of friends and family.

Marty & Bonnie Kaulfuss - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

PF

“ To the Ray Gaynor Family, Mr. Gaynor was my gym teacher during grade school at Guardian Angels from 65-72. I've thought of him through the years here and there, and with fond memories of that kind man who could relate to all of us at our elementary age then. He was that first, then a great gym teacher to me. Always smiling, never intimidating, the kind of person you would want to emulate. That's what made my gym class so enjoyable, realizing it now. Through his passing, I am remembering some great years at G.A., and my classmates, who I'm sure many are fine upstanding citizens today as a result of in a large part Mr. Gaynor. I'm sorry for your loss.

Patrick Fisher - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MS

“ Condolences to the Gaynor family. My sister and I have so many fond memories as students of Mr. Gaynor at Guardian Angels. I will always remember his upbeat attitude and his great smile! We are proud and blessed to have met and known Mr. Gaynor! RIP Guardian Angels Class of 1969 Mary Sengstock-Velasco

Mary Sengstock-Velasco - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MG

“ Dear Mrs. Gaynor, I was so sad to hear about Mr Gaynor's death. Peace , comfort and special thoughts and prayers to you and your family. I was a student at Guardian Angels School and Mr. Gaynor was my gym teacher. I have only fond memories of him and he was one of my favorite teachers during my school years. With caring thoughts, Monica Gage/McCain

Monica Gage-McCain - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear that Mr. Gaynor passed and I am sure his family will feel his loss greatly. May God bless you in your time of sorrow. We were so blessed to have Mr. Gaynor as our principal at Guardian Angels School. I have so many good memories. Mostly, I remember being in tears at our 8th grade graduation and Mr. Gaynor smiling at me and comforting me. What a wonderful man and leader. JoAnne Veltri Flynn GA 1979

JoAnne Veltri Flynn - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MG

“ I have many fond memories of gym class with Mr. Gaynor. While I never made it to the top of the climbing rope like Debbie Ferro, I did break a record for girls sit-ups in his class. Mr. Gaynor made gym class fun ~ I recall a class where he blasted the "Go You Chicken Fat, Go!" song. The words still play in my head when I am working out. Moira Gillis Guardian Angels 1972

Moira Gillis - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CA

“ In you time of sorrow, I will pray for the family and remember all the wonderful years I had at GA! He was a great guy! I remember the Gaynors when they lived on the corner off Hayes!PEACE Mr. Gaynor!

cheryl andersoncetlinski - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ Condolences to the Gaynor family. The Cole family has fond memories as parishioners and students of Guardian Angels of Mr. Gaynor. I walked by his childhood home on Wilfred and Hayes on my way to school . I will always remember his upbeat positive way and smile! We are all blessed to have met and known Mr. Gaynor! RIP Guardian Angels class of 1971 Jim Cole

Jim Cole - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

AL

“ Ray will be missed by his Woodhaven-Brownstown School district family. I began with a long-term subbing position at Yake and Ray was my 5th grade partner. He taught me to love the kids and they will learn everything you throw at them. My own children had Ray as a principal at Erving and I was lucky to join the ranks of administration with more of his leadership in this area. I will miss his smile and tight hugs and his name RAY...is synonymous with a "ray of sunshine" Thanks for sharing him with us!

Ann LaPointe - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SF

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Gaynor family. Mr. Gaynor was well loved and respected by all of his students at G.A. We were blessed to have him as an early role model. He will never be forgotten by the class of '72.

Sheena Gillis Ferrara - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LR

“ Condolences to the Gaynor family. My family has wonderful memories as parishioners and students at Guardian Angels in the 1960s and 1070s. Mr. Gaynor was an engaged and caring leader. What we learned at GA about family, community, and life will always be associated in my mind with Mr. Gaynor. RIP

Lawrence Di Rita - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

EO

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Mr. Gaynor was a big influence on a lot of lives. I was always amazed that he recognized his students from years ago, seems he never forgot a face. He will be missed, and remembered forever. Guardian Angels class of 1970.

Elaine Weiss Oakes - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

HH

“ We are sorry to hear about your loss. It was a blessing that you could take care of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God be with you in this time of sorrow.

Herman and Christine Hessling - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LW

“ Gaynor Family; My sympathies to you and your family. Paul/Rita, I will be out of town today thru Friday so I am sending you this note in lieu of being able to see you at the funeral home....having known your family for so many years lets not count them! I wanted to share my sympathies with you and tell you what a wonderful man your father was and how sorry I am for your loss. May your memories bring you and your family comfort. Linda

Linda Feld Wojciechowicz - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LY

“ Trish, Don and family my deepest condolences in the loss of your Father and Grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Lillian Young - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

PW

“ the world is a better place for having Mr Gaynors influence on so many of us in our youth. a Gaurdian Angel forever

paul wesley - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MI

“ Michelle Lewicki class of 84 Guardain Angels... Sorry for your loss. Mr. Gaynor will be missed.

Michelle - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KB

“ I only had the pleasure of knowing Ray Gaynor for 3 years at Woodhaven Schools before his retirement. Every single interaction I had with him was always so enjoyable. He was a sweet man with a good heart. Rest in Peace, Mr. Gaynor. May your family find comfort in the wonderful memories you provided them. Ken Barnes, Taylor, MI

Ken Barnes - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KN

“ Mr. Gaynor was one of my favorites! I remember how much my Mom really liked him too, he made me want to go to school...such a nice man...Cherish the memories... Our deepest condolences from the Donahue, Nijhof Family..

Kimberly Donahue Nijhof - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TC

“ I have great memories of Mr. Gaynor from Guardian Angels. He even came to our house once for a PTA meeting or something. I remember being worried that my principal was at our house! You are missed, Mr. Gaynor. God Bless you and your family in their time of loss.

Tom Constance - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TW

“ To the family of Ray Gaynor: All five of our daughters attended Guardian Angel School while Ray was there. He was one of their favorite people and all have fond memories of him. He was an inspiration to so many and touched many lives. We pray that you will find comfort knowing Ray is with God. Sincerely, Ted & Shirley Wilson

Ted & Shirley Wilson - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

ER

“ My deepest sympathy to Mr. Gaynor's family. My siblings and I were just talking about Mr. Gaynor and Mr. Connolly recently. My sister, Theresa knew about Mr. Connolly, but we had lost track of Mr. Gaynor--we were wondering what he was doing. I remember him as being a very good teacher. I respected him and Mr. Connolly. Mr. Connolly would fire a chalk eraser at you if you were acting up. The two of them knew how to get us to behave--great men. What more can you ask for in life than to know you made a difference in so many lives!

Eileen Rudrik - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

ER

Since Mr. Conley just passed, I was looking back at Mr. Gaynor and see I spelled Mr. Conley's name wrong. They taught me better than that. Time to correct it.

Eileen Rudrik - November 01, 2020 at 12:07 PM

TM

“ As a young boy who arrived @ GA in the 5th grade around 1972, I remember during one gym class hitting one of the cement columns and splitting my forehead open, needing stitches - Mr Gaynor went to the hospital with me allowing me not to be as afraid as i might have been otherwise. It was teachers of this nature that made my years at GA an outstanding experience.

tom marshall - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DR

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Gaynor family. I will always remember Mr. Gaynor, too, as my favorite gym teacher at Guardian Angels. I also remember him encouraging me to climb that rope to the top of the ceiling and I did! I will always appreciate his encouragement and confidence that we could do anything as long as we tried. Debbie Ferro Randazzo 8th Grade Class of 1972

Debbie Ferro Randazzo - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JF

“ Dear Trisha, Don, Kids & Family, Our thoughts are with you at this time, if you need anything please let us know. Love the Fairmans

Jesse Fairman - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MT

“ *Gaynor Family: Mr. Gaynor was the best teacher & principal GA ever had, he touched so many of the students and had such a great influence on us. In the past, I have seen Mr. Gaynor at church, he always said hello and remembered who I was, & recently saw him at Jet's pizza on 21 Mile, we talked a little, and eyes were as sincere as in the past. I know having Mr. Gaynor as a teacher had a great impact on me. God Bless You Mr. Gaynor, you will be missed, but you will be forever in the hearts of all your students. I will keep the Gaynor family in my prayers. God Bless All You!*

Marisa Polito Tear - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

AG

“ *To the Gaynor Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Gaynor was a caring and motivating teacher and principal at Guardian Angels when I was a student there. I will never forget him and his dedication to those who had the privilege of being his students.*

Ann St. Germaine-Velez - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MP

“ *To the Gaynor Family, I also have fond memories of Mr. Gaynor at Guardian Angles both as a teacher and a principal. I enjoyed seeing him these past couple of years at Nathanal's school plays and sporting events. He really was a kind person. God Bless you!*

Mary Jane Carlin Pasko - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MF

“ *To teach is to touch a life forever Unkown GA class of '74*

Mary Beth Fortunate - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Mr. Gaynor was the gym teacher when I was in Guardian Angels, I think I had a major crush on him at the time! lol That was the only reason I participated in climbing that awful rope to the ceiling. He would stand there and encourage me. After a million tries I believe with great joy I finally made it! What a pleasure it was to have him in my life at Guardian Angels, and in my memories forever. God Bless his entire family. Sandy FISHER Sylvester, Graduating Class of 1976*

Sandy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Mr. Gaynor was always a favorite, may he rest in peace.*

Kevin Pionk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Ruth, Our prayers are with you and the family, my God bless you all. "Trust in Jesus even more"*

Gordie & Ana Saum - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Mr. Gaynor was my second grade teacher at Guardian Angels in 1964-65. I remember my brother, Philip, was in the service at that time and we, as a class, became pen pals with him and other servicemen. Mr. Gaynor influenced many people in his lifetime, and the world is a better place for him having been in it. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Gaynor's family. Celebrate his life, I know I will think of him, and smile, often. Thank you for sharing him with all of us.*

Carole Lynn Moroney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Condolences to Mr. Gaynor's wife and family. I have fond memories of him from Guardian Angel. I remember him being firm but fair, whether he was coach, teacher or principal. He always had a smile for you. I'm sure you will miss him.

Donna Brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ I have great memories of Mr. Gaynor from GA and from visting on Whitehill. He was truly a wonderul man!

Anne Quenneville O'Connor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ As a member of the class of '73, I have very fond memories of Mr. Gaynor as our gym teacher at Guardian Angels. So sorry to see that God took him so soon.

Peggy Martin Bennett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Mr. Gaynor was my teacher at Yake. He was a wonderful teacher. One of my favorite memories was when he would pass out the swedish fish candy. I pray the Lord will bring all of you the peace and comfort you need at this time.

Kimberly Hamilton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I feel honored to have known Ray. From the moment I began teaching at Yake many years ago, he made me feel welcome and a part of the 'Gator family'. My own children, although not in his homeroom, were fortunate to have him as a teacher when he worked side by side with Ms. Patrias. With a smile on his face, he always had a kind comment or a funny story to share. He truly lived life to its fullest and showed us all the importance of not 'sweating the small stuff'. Ray was genuinely a wonderful human being and will be missed. Linda Burnett and family

Linda Burnett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mr. Gaynor was a favorite teacher of mine from Guardian Angels. I was a student there from 1966-1971. My condolences to your family.

kathy fritsch summers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Mr. Gaynor was a terrific man and teacher whom we looked up to at G.A. I will remember him for challenging us to go beyond what we thought were our limits. In our earliest years, he thus armed us for life. Rest in peace. Victor DiRita Guardian Angels class of 1972

Victor DiRita - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ So many fond memories of Mr. Gaynor and Guardian Angels. He touched so many lives. Our deepest sympathy to The Gaynor Family.

Valerie Tamer Menassa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Gaynor Family, What a wonderful man you had in your midst. My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I was one of the 5 Wilson Girls at Guardian Angels. I was the one that did not get the athletic gene but that made no difference to Mr. Gaynor. He was always so encouraging and always had lots of energy, a hug and smile for me. He made gym fun for me and I always remembered him for that. I became a pretty good floor hockey player because of his encouragement. He was one of those teachers that makes a lifetime impact on kids. Thank you for sharing him with all of us! And now, I am sure he is running gym class in heaven right now with all the angels! God Bless all of you and may God's love comfort you during your time of sadness.

Janelle Wilson Worley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ May he rest in peace...

Dick Fabian - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Mr Gaynor was a treasure at GA and will be missed by many. We all have nothing but fond memories of him. My condolences to his family

Mary Phelan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ Mr. Gaynor will be remembered fondly in my family. My brothers, sisters and myself were lucky to have him as a teacher and principal at Guardian Angels. Most recently I would see him at church and at track & swim meets that he came to to see his granddaughter my daughter was on the same team. When I first recognized him and went up to him I didn't think he would remember me, or my family, after all those years, but he did. That is a true testament to his character. Bless you Mr. Gaynor, you are in our prayers.

Nancy D'Agnese Verlinden - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Will be missed.

Susan Rabb - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Lynn, Rosie, Ruth and the Gaynor family. So sad to hear of Ray's passing. I was an attendant with Ray as my partner at Donna & Bill Lawrence's wedding. I have lots of memories of Ray and Lynn and the rest of the Gaynors thru high school and beyond. It has been many years since I have seen them but will never forget all the memories. I share in your sorrow.

Diane Durkin Messina Lenzon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ May the Lord accept his soul with no time in purgatory. May his family only remember the best of Mr. Gaynor's qualities and peace fill their souls. May his spirit give courage and strength to all those children who have to climb that rope in gym class. Sincerest Condolences to the Gaynor family.

Kate Michals Robson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Gaynor's passing. He has impacted MANY young lives, as I have great memories of his days at Guardian Angels. What a great Teacher & Principle he was!!

Theresa Buyle Stewart - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ To the Gaynor Family: While I am saddened by the news of Ray's death, I am comforted by his legacy. Not many people can leave behind the memories and lessons of a truly great man and an awesome educator at heart. Ray has obviously touched many, many people over his lifetime and his words and actions will live on for years and years to come. May you find peace and comfort in Christ while Ray rejoices in eternity with our Savior.

Sandy Regets - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ It is the many he has touched...both as mentor and educator and as a man. God Bless

John Sassin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ It is a testament to what a great teacher Mr. Gaynor was, in that I still remember his name, even though I only attended GA for 1st - 3rd grades in the early 1970's. He was patient and kind to his students and taught us a mean game of dolly-hockey!

Susan Fritsch Stitt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ ... He was my favorite teacher at Guardian Angels. Now he's one of them ~ My condolences to the family!

Steven Kramer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Sorry for your loss Mr. Gaynor was a great principal. Even when i got in trouble he disciplined me but he was still a great man after that. My prayers are with your family

Chris Kincaide - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was great to work for at Erving when I worked there. He'll be missed.

Mary & Frank Brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To the Gaynor Family, Deepest sympathy from the Cichecki Family. We have such wonderful memories of Mr. Gaynor and we were all so fortunate to have had that great connection of families through the St. Brendans years. May all the great memories of him sustain you all throughout the years. Peace & Love Tammy Cichecki-Hampel

Tammy Hampel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ In Sept 1973 I went to GA to pick up my son, Brian Majur, from 1st G. He was not there, and there were tears and panic all around. Ray and I jumped into his car and started down Whittier to Whitehill. We turned the corner and there Brian was sitting on the front porch, two houses past the Nennies. Ray and I both heaved a huge sigh of relief. I did not think he could find the house after living there only 6 days. Condolences to all the family. Went to school w/Ruth and Rose and knew the Gaynor Family all thru high school. I still use Mrs. Nennie's recipe for Spinach Salad. It was a neighborhood favorite at parties on Whitehill. Sincerely,

Jackie Ulrick Majur Ruggirello - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Mr. Gaynor was my second grade teacher at Guardian Angels in 1964/65. I believe it was the first class he ever taught. He left a huge impression on me and all of us during his career at Guardian Angels. Hands down he was the best teacher I ever had and I will never forget him. My condolences to his entire family.

Jeanne Burczycki Kretschmar - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Trisha, Don and Family Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to all of you on the loss of your Father/Grandfather Rich & Lisa Eckert Philadelphia, PA

Rich Eckert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Ray Gaynor Family, My first year at working for WBS was at Erving with Ray. He was a great guy to work for and the kids loved him. I think he is one man that got more hugs from the kids then anyone in his building. He will be deeply missed .But he will always be in our hearts ,We will keep you in our prayers. God Bless

Pat Badgley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Gaynor Family, I will always remember how quick with a smile and laugh Mr. Gaynor was. When he asked how you were or how your family was, he truly meant it. A great patriarch to a wonderful family. Peace to you Gaynor family - Jack

Jack McBride - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dee, I wish I could be there to give you a hug. My sincerest condolences to you and your entire family. Heaven is smiling as one more angel goes home. Love, Beth, Jim, Jessica and Rachel

Beth Kascheres - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Justin & Dawn Sheets - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Dear Gaynor Family - We are so saddened to hear the news on Ray's passing. We have great memories of his days at Guardian Angels Detroit where he taught us in gym class - before becoming the school principal. He was always a favorite of us students and came back for our class reunions when he could. God Bless You Mr. Gaynor. Rest in the peace of Christ.

George & Sue Eichorn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Gaynor Family, My deepest condolences are with you at this difficult time. I was fortunate enough to have Mr. Gaynor as a teacher for both 5th and 6th grade '85-'87 at Yake Elementary. During my time at Yake, I was diagnosed with a chronic illness. Fifth grade was particular tough for me, healthwise, and I will never forget Mr. Gaynor looking after me. Fifth grade camp specifically comes to mind, and he promised me that if I couldn't make it through the week, he would make sure I was able to go home. He was definitely 1 in 1,000,000. His style of teaching was unmatched, his love for his job was unbelievable, and his passion for his students to succeed was amazing. My thoughts and prayers are with the Gaynor family and all of the friends that he has touched during his life.

Kelly Clements Fennelly - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Lynn and the Gaynor Family, Ray was an outstanding human being who I had the pleasure and honor to know. Having worked with Ray throughout his entire Woodhaven career, he was a great teacher, principal, and friend. His support of the WBEA during some very difficult times was greatly appreciated. He was truly a "class act" and will be greatly missed by many. My condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.

Richard Schmidt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Ray Gaynor. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Grace Klein - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *Dear Mark and Paul, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult time. Sincerely, Vince and Frank Mitchell, our families, and staff*

Frank and Vince Mitchell DDS - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Gaynor family and close friends for their loss. It was a pleasure to work with such a kind and vivacious educator. Ray had a wonderful sense of humor that helped enhance our work environment. May your faith and precious memories of Ray help you through this difficult time.*

Lillian Pandza - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Dear Aunt Lynn and my dear cousins and your families, I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Ray growing up. Wonderful times on Lansdowne, at Situ's and solving life's problems over a good competitive game of horseshoes. Uncle Ray impacted my life and the lives of so many with his positive can do attitude and incredible energy. We give our deepest condolences and send our most sincere prayers as we will be unable to be there in person. May God Bless you and comfort you! You are missed xo,*

The Kowalczyk's Wally, Theresa, Anthony and Sarah - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the Ray Gaynor Family. I was Ray's assistant during his years as Principal of Erving Elementary School. Ray was truly a wonderful person. I really enjoyed working with him and I know he will be sorely missed. I do believe he is at home and at peace and there is comfort in knowing that.

Linda Durocher - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Mark, Paul and family so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with your family.

Stephanie Youngert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Dear Gaynor Family, Ray has been such a close friend like a brother to me for all these years. I met him at Yake School in 1975. Dr. P was our terrific and inspirational principal. Ray and I have worked together for so many years. Ray was always a lovable comedian. We played many sports together and took our 5th graders to camp sites for dozens of times and shared many field trips all over the country when it was so much safer back then. Then later Ray became my principal at Erving Elementary. All the students just loved him so much! Ray and I both shared the passion and love of teaching children. There are so many treasured moments we have shared that I'll always remember! I know in the last few months he has been struggling with pain. He has always been in my daily prayers. It is my belief that Ray no longer is suffering and he is in Heaven now and in everlasting joy with Jesus Christ. May God Bless You All, Gaynor Family! Matthew Zarembo a.k.a MR. Z

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Matthew Zaremba - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ What can I say??? Ray was the ultimate human being. He always looked toward the positive. Values was his first name. Ray and I started at Yake Elementary School back in 1975. He taught 5th grade. I taught 1st. We always found a way to get our students to work together. Ray was a true genius in how he always found a way to make that happen. I can go on forever telling how Ray Gaynor positively impacted a student or colleague, but let me simply say ... Ray was the best !!! This world will truly miss this huge human being! I LOVE YOU RAY... You meant the world to me. John Edward Scott

John Edward Scott - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear LYNN & The Gaynor Family, We are sorry for your loss. I remember the day that he said he would join our staff at Yake. Ray was always one to help children, staff and take charge. A great friend, loved him like a brother, for more than 30 years. Driving was one of his passions. We will miss him. Dom & Liz Palazzolo

Dominic A Palazzolo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Sorry for your loss. He will be missed. I remember how he always made me laugh and was a fun Uncle. Love, Alice Anne

Alice Jackson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Mr. Gaynor and I spent alot of time together both at Yake and in the car driving to ND. He was a great man who could always get me to smile and shared some great advice that I will never forget. My condolences go out to the entire family. Truly a great individual that will be missed.

Kevin Dunbar - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ I am very sorry about your loss. Ray was the best husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He will be missed. I am sorry I will not be able to be with you in person, but my heart and my prayers will be. I love you all.

Elsa Gaynor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts are prayers are with the Gaynor family. Mr. Gaynor was a gentle and caring family man, who always knew how to make you smile and feel at home. He will be missed.

Jim and Lori Wenzel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

angela mccarthy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ so sad to hear about Ray passing.. he was an inspiration to anyone that he encountered.. his smile and humor always lifted your spirits when you would see him.. the children just loved him and he will be missed and he is now in peace... our love and prayers to the family -
The Cerda Family Cruz Mary Ann Chanise Devin and Javana

cruz and mary ann cerda - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Dear Lynn and the entire Gaynor Family, What can I say about Ray. A lot of good memories and how your husband, dad, and grandfather was such an important part of our lives. He was not only a great teacher, principal and human being, but also became a great friend and neighbor. As our kids grew up they felt so privileged to move by their favorite teacher and how your wonderful family took us "in" as we became Eastsiders. I know it is hard to lose him but I know the strength and love of family, which was so important to him, will help you get through the difficult hours and we know he is watching from above. We love you all and our thoughts and prayers are with you. xoxox George and Marlene

George and Marlene Dunbar - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Gaynor was a great man and will be missed by many.

Andy Budzyn-Howard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of your husband/father. Memory eternal. Ted and Pam Bredikin

Pam Bredikin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Our condolences to the Gaynor family. Dave went to school with Alice and I was one of the few classes that did not have a Gaynor in it. Ray was always very nice and caring. He was teacher/principal at Guardian Angels when our sons Chris deceased and Eddie went there. We had our couch redone by Mr. Nennie his father-in-law and the boys loved it when Ray came to the house to pick up the furniture. He will truly be missed.

David & Dorothy Damm - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My deepest sympathies. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Judi Braathen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ What a wonderful man! Mr. Gaynor will always be remembered as one of the good guys. My heartfelt condolences to all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. God Bless.

Becky Braathen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM