



Richard E. Russell

February 11, 1932 - November 4, 2020

Russell, Richard "Dick". Age 88. November 4, 2020.

Beloved husband of Marjorie for 56 years. Loving father of Kristin (the late Mark) Castleman and Patrick (Kimberley). Proud grandfather of Ashley Castleman, Timothy Castleman and Aiden Russell. Loving son of the late Fred and Mildred. Dear brother of Lowell Russell, Wanda Crabtree, William Russell, Doris Miller and the late Edward. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Due to COVID-19 private services will be held. Memorials appreciated to the Special Olympics. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Mr Russell was my favorite teacher ever. I had him im young fives and all through elementary school. I still have my four square champ trophy and think of him often i will never forget Russells rules. He will be missed* 💕💕

melissa - November 12, 2020 at 10:25 AM

KI

“ *Mr. Russell and my grandfather Ed Beimel taught together at Whittier. Mr. Russell used to come over to my grandparents house for lunch. I have so many fabulous memories of him from Elementary School!!!*
Kelley Irving

Kelley Irving - November 11, 2020 at 09:59 PM

PD

“ *Fond memories of Mr. Russell for the whole the Dressler family. His enthusiasm for physical health made it such fun. He was one of Emily & Matt's favorites.*
Condolences to his family.

Patty Dressler - November 11, 2020 at 07:38 PM

CJ

“ *Mr. Russell was my gym teacher at Whittier Elementary from 1963-1969. He was unforgettable. His true heart was revealed by his enthusiasm, passion, thoughtfulness and gentleness. What a great man! He made a big impression on me. I feel enriched to have been under his influence. How fortunate his family and friends!*
Carol Pine Jackson

Carol P. Jackson - November 11, 2020 at 07:19 PM

BH

“ Dick & i were opponents at the annual putt-putt contest on Campbell Road, it was fun playing against one another for championship. I am sorry to hear of his passing, I will keep him in my prayers

bill hagan - November 11, 2020 at 09:31 AM

RL

“ My condolences to the Russell family. Mr. Russell was a special man, teacher and coach. He was the foundation for my interest in physical fitness and probably has added some years to my life due to his inspiration to participate in sports. I will always treasure his influence on my life. My mother, Betty Lasley also loved the way Mr. Russell worked with the kids at Whittier Elementary School. Rest in peace Mr. Russell.

Richard Lasley

RICHARD LASLEY - November 09, 2020 at 08:26 PM

TM

“ I remember him as an amazing gym teacher and a very kind hearted sole. Prayers to your family and may god bless you.

Terri O'Connor McGhee - November 07, 2020 at 05:03 PM

BS

“ So sad to hear of Mr Russell's passing. Over the past 22 years, Coach would stop by my shop for a watch battery, or a clock to be repaired, and most times just to say hello. We always had a nice conversation about anything and everything. I am blessed to have known him and smile every time I think of Coach Russell. Rest in peace my friend.

Bob Stewart - November 07, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JB

“ *Mr. Russell was an amazing teacher and made gym class so fun and engaging (even for those of us who were... not athletically inclined). Some of my strongest memories of elementary school are the games and activities he put together for us. He even remembered me when I ran into him after about 15 years, which just goes to show how much he cared about his students. He was really one of a kind.*

Jenni Berger - November 07, 2020 at 09:43 AM

SP

“ *Dick was the ultimate PE teacher and friend . He cared for his students and the classroom teachers. None better!*

Steve and Noel Poissant - November 06, 2020 at 04:23 PM

AH

I remember Mr. Russell he was my favorite gym teacher. My heart goes out to the family he was a great man. Payers for you all. Allison Hempstead

Allison Hempstead - November 07, 2020 at 11:17 PM

KC

I worked with Dick for many years—what a wonderful man and great teacher. Kids loved him and we all remember donating old awards from our own kids. He refurbished” the statues so he could give students meaningful, personal awards. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Kay Cornell

Kay Cornell - November 08, 2020 at 09:06 AM



Me and my fellow classmates at Whittier Elementary School in Royal Oak had the great pleasure to have Mr Russell as a teacher. He was so kind and inspiring in his work. He was well loved by everyone. So many fond memories in grade school having him as our gym teacher. All my prayers goes out to his family he was a truly good and inspiring person and we were so lucky to have him touch our lives.

John Colwell - November 08, 2020 at 06:21 PM

TW

I am very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I met Dick through ROBF, which he worked tirelessly to improve for the kids of Royal Oak. I'd see Dick at the ballpark and he often held ROBF meetings at his home. He was very dedicated to Royal Oak and we are very fortunate he and his family lived here. Thank you Dick for your service. Amen.

Tim Whitney

Tim Whitney - November 08, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JM

Mr. Russell was my Gym Teacher at Whittier Elementary School back in the sixties. What a great Teacher and fine Gentleman he was. I thought about him many times over the years. He made a Special Achievement Award for me after the fifth grade Olympics, made me so proud. I'll never forget it or Mr. Russell!

*Jerry McFarland
Seguin, TX*

Jerry Y McFarland - November 09, 2020 at 01:21 PM

SS

Pete as we called him was a good friend from his hometown.i knew him when we were young kids.Shirley Stauffenger

shirley stauffenger - November 10, 2020 at 02:56 PM

SK

Marjorie and family. Sorry to here of your husband's passing. You are in my prayers. Sue Kator(Beaumont Volunteer)

Sue Kator - November 15, 2020 at 12:31 PM