



Glen R. Derby

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Mr. Glen R. Derby, age 76, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Harbor Hospice Poppen House. He was born March 13, 1932 in Muskegon to William and Harriet (Sandborg) Derby, and resided here his entire life. Mr. Derby worked at S.D. Warren before beginning his teaching career for Muskegon Public Schools, where he retired in 1992. He was Past President of the Muskegon City Teachers Association, and was involved with the M.E.A. Legislative Committee. Mr. Derby enjoyed woodworking and the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan. On August 11, 1951 he married his loving wife Betty Goff, and she survives him along with his sons, Mark (Dede) Derby of Muskegon, and Michael (Cindy) Derby of Coopersville; 4 grandchildren, Katie (Jason), Brian (Deanna), Chad, and Ashley Derby; and Uncle Lou Jorissen. SERVICES will be 11 AM Monday at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100 with Pastor Tim Taylor officiating. VISITATION with the family will be 2-4 & 7-9PM Sunday. Private burial services will take place in Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial Contributions to Wings of Mercy or Harbor Hospice will be appreciated.




Events

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Visitation

 **Sunday**, February 22, 2009

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs. Derby and family, I want you to know that Mr. Derby was a wonderful and dedicated teacher who made a difference to children every day. He was kind and funny and upbeat. He was not my teacher, but in the years I spent at Nims Elementary, he affected me as well as all of his students. I hope that the Lord will grant you the peace that only He can in your loss. God Bless you. Megan Dillingham

March 13 at 5:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Betty, We are so sorry to hear about Glen. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We wish that we were home but we are in Florida and won't be home until March 5th, have been here since Feb. 4th, we wish we could have been home at your most difficult time to be of help to you. Love you all,

February 26 at 11:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

Derby Family, Mr. Derby taught two of my children at Nims and they both really liked him. I thought he was not only a good teacher, but a great person! He always treated everyone with kindness and respect. You are in my thoughts and prayers for your loss. Sherry Frazier

February 24 at 9:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

I had Mr. Derby for my 6th grade teacher at Nims. In all of my 14 years in the Muskegon Public Schools system, he was hands down my favorite and most influential teacher I had. I send my condolences to his family.

February 23 at 8:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. Remember that we are here to support you in your time of loss today, and for as long as you need us. The Staff of Harbor Hospice

February 23 at 1:45 PM



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Anonymous posted:

MY CONDOLENCES BETTY, MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, I LIVE IN TUCSON ARIZONA I AM THE DAUGHTER OF RICHARD DERBY (NOW DECEASED) WHO WAS BILL DERBY'S BROTHER##imported-begin##CHERYL WATERS (DERBY)##imported-end##

February 23 at 9:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Family of Mr. Glen R. Derby:I am a 34-year veteran teacher for Muskegon Heights Public Schools and a long-time involved member with our local Muskegon Heights Education Association (MHEA) and the Michigan Education Association (MEA). I have been a member of our local Education Association's bargaining team for many years now and have had the privilege over the years of working with Glen in our various capacities as Association leaders.Our condolences go out now to the family of a dedicated man who worked tirelessly for so many years to champion the many causes promulgated by our local Associations and the MEA, always striving for the advancement of a better world for all who are a part of our educational community.##imported-begin##Jesse L. Starr, Jr.##imported-end##

February 23 at 3:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Derby Family,I have many enjoyable memories of teaching with Glen on the third floor at Nims School. He always had high goals and expectations for all, which encouraged both students and staff. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##June VanDonkelaar##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mike,Cindy,Chad & Ashley,Our prayers and thoughts are with you, if you need anything, please call. John & Gail##imported-begin##John & Gail Bolthouse##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:01 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Derby family during this extraordinarily difficult time. Mr. Derby was my 5th grade teacher at Nims School in the 79-80 school year. He was a wonderful teacher and caring person with a no-nonsense way of running his classroom. He will be missed by all. God Bless.##imported-begin##Jennifer (Powell) Helms##imported-end##

February 22 at 5:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

Betty, Mark, Dee Dee, and Mike and families, I am so sorry to hear of Glen's death, I only knew you all for a short time, but you all have touched my life. Glen was a wonderful man and I enjoyed all the conversation we had. You have my deepest sympathy. Betty Leech##imported-begin##Betty Wierenga-Leech##imported-end##

February 22 at 3:30 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Betty and family, I am so sorry to hear of Glen's passing. I taught with him for several years at Nims. He was a joy to teach with, having a very upbeat personality, and was an integral part of the 'Nims family'. I'm sure he will be missed by many. My condolences to all of you.##imported-begin##Bonnie Witt##imported-end##

February 22 at 10:49 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of his passing, my mother sent it to me since I no longer live in Muskegon, Mr. Derby was the best teacher ever, I had him as my 4th, 5th and 6th grade teacher at Nimes, I loved him dearly, Now I am not sure what year he was my teacher since I am 35 y/o now. But the memories of him are still fresh in my head, Every year we threw him a birthday party, and at the end of the school year I cried cause I thought I wouldn't have him as my teacher, when I went off to jr. high I still made time to come see him, He was like a father figure to me, He taught me so much, I will miss him dearly, My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, but know that he made a difference in peoples lives.##imported-begin##Terri Smith##imported-end##

February 21 at 4:18 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I was one of Mr. Derby's student, he was my speech Teacher at Phillips school and then my teacher at Nims school when I moved there. He made a great impression on me and was one of my favorite teacher ever. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Lisa (Dinger) Ruthruff##imported-end##

February 21 at 3:09 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Derby Family~~I remember Mr.Derby when he was our son, Eric's 6th grade teacher at Nims School. He was one of his favorite teachers.We send our condolences.##imported-begin##Harold & Linda Hardin##imported-end##

February 21 at 2:14 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs.Derby & family, I was a student of Mr.Derby's at Nims school. I just wanted to say what a great person & special teacher he was to me. My heart goes out to you & your family for your loss. Dorene##imported-begin##Dorene Welch (Grigsby)##imported-end##

February 21 at 9:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear about Uncle Glen our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Todd & Laura Rhoades##imported-end##

February 21 at 5:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mike&Cindy: Our sympathy in the homegoing of your Father and Grandfather. May God be with you and yours during this time and always.##imported-begin##Dick&Rachel Bos##imported-end##

February 20 at 12:58 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Derby family-You will be in my prayers. If there is anything we can do to help you please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime.##imported-begin##Tim Taylor##imported-end##

February 19 at 6:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

Betty and Family, It's been awhile since I have seen both of you. I was suprised to learn of Glen's passing. I always enjoyed working with Glen during his teaching years at Nims School. I am extending my deepest sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.Mary Ann Scofield##imported-begin##Mary Ann Scofield##imported-end##

February 19 at 12:36 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Glen R. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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