



Bernard Lee Raabe

January 14, 1925 - January 11, 2017

Bernard Lee Raabe, 91, of Hillview passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield. Bernard was born, January 14, 1925, in Hillview to Fred and Mamie (Thomas) Raabe. He married Mary A. Heil, July 3, 1949, in Winchester. She preceded him in death, May 28, 2011. Bernard is survived by three sons, Steven (Donna) Raabe of Phoenix, AZ, Mark Raabe of White Hall and Paul (Jeanne) Raabe of Franklin; seven grandchildren, Ryan (Jennifer), Brandon, Johnathon, Jessica, Leah and Matthew Raabe and Jennifer Raabe Price; eight great-grandchildren, Casey Shafer, Trenton Sampson, Nila Beatty, Neva and Nixon Raabe, Morgan Delcore, Mary and Maddalyn Raabe; a sister-in-law, Nishi Raabe of Tacoma WA, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Freda Patton, and brothers, Fred and Paul Raabe. He was a member of the Hillview Baptist Church and the Bryant-Thomas Post 1210 American Legion of Hillview, Illinois. He graduated from White Hall HS and enlisted in the U. S. Navy Armed Guard during World War II from 1943 to 1946. After returning from the war, he worked on the railroad, at Fisher Body and Caterpillar. He then earned his bachelor's degree in education from Western University and began his thirty-year teaching career. He taught in Waverly, Alsey, Hillview, Patterson, and Manchester. Later, he worked at Hardees. Mr. Raabe was well respected in his teaching profession and during many of his working years served as principal and coached basketball.

Bernard thoroughly enjoyed attending his children's, grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting events, many times accompanied by his brother, Fred. He also enjoyed gardening and cutting wood with his best friend, Lee Barrow, morning coffee at the Hillview Café, walking through the woods with his pets, telling stories about his students during his teaching days, and spending time with family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Roodhouse with interment in the Fernwood Cemetery in Roodhouse. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or Wounded Warriors.

Cemetery Details

Fernwood Cemetery

US 67
Roodhouse Il., IL 62082

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Roodhouse
202 West Franklin
Roodhouse, IL 62082
(217) 589-4311
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Service

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Lee Raabe*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *loved"Mr raabe" still remember him whacking my knuckles for talking too much imagine that lol ! many good memories he was a big part of growing up in hillview . he and Mary will be missed by all*



Maxine Asher - January 19, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *I'm so sad to hear of Mr. Raabe's passing! My favorite teacher and principal of all time! He had a big impact on my life, as well as many, many others. Who didn't look up to, love and respect this man! Thankful I was able to tell him! Praying for God's peace and comfort for all his family. God bless.*

Paula Schutz Heibner - January 16, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear about your father Paul. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Tell everyone that we said hello. Wish that we could be there for you.*

Stephanie Smith - January 15, 2017 at 03:05 PM

DD

“ Paul, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have so many great memories of him at Manchester Grade School. Prayers to you and your family for your loss.

Denise Harding Dallimore - January 15, 2017 at 07:11 AM

AW

“ I had Mr. Raabe as a teacher in the 6th grade and then two years later we moved to Manchester and when we walked into the school there stood Mr. Raabe, I was never happier to see a familiar face! I got to visit with him several years ago during Greene County Days!! He was such a sweet man and a wonderful teacher!! My thoughts and prayers are with his family!

Annyce Booth Winters - January 14, 2017 at 08:53 PM

RH

“ Great principal and teacher at Hillview Elementary and I enjoyed him as my basketball coach.

Ron Hallock - January 14, 2017 at 08:49 PM

FA

“ So sorry to hear of Bernards passing. He was such a great man. Always had a smile where ever you saw him. He truly will be missed.

Fred and Myrt Allen - January 14, 2017 at 05:50 PM

RR

“ Renee Rees lit a candle in memory of
Bernard Lee Raabe



Renee Rees - January 14, 2017 at 11:14 AM

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Renee Rees - January 14, 2017 at 11:07 AM

RR

“ My favorite teacher of all time!! I attended Manchester grade school
and then was lucky enough to have him for a teacher at Alsey grade
school. So glad I was able to see and talk to him a few years ago.
He will be missed by so many. Prayers to his family.

Renee Rees - January 14, 2017 at 11:02 AM

KE

“ Kim Myers Evans lit a candle in memory of
Bernard Lee Raabe



Kim Myers Evans - January 14, 2017 at 09:48 AM

KE

He was a great guy! Thinking of you all at this time.

Kim Myers Evans - January 14, 2017 at 09:50 AM

AB

“ Steven, Mark, and Paul, I am so sorry, he was a great man, made such and impact on everyone, especially me, that he came into contact with. I have always looked up to him. Will keep you all in my prayers..

Allen Beams - January 14, 2017 at 08:05 AM

CC

“ Mr. Raabe leaves a legacy of love behind him. He was the Principal at Manchester Grade School when I started my teaching career. We worked together there for 12 years. He was a friend and mentor to all of us, loved and respected by everyone. He made friends everywhere he went. We always had plenty to chat about even after the closure of MGS. I am happy to know he is now living peacefully and in full health with those who went before him.

Cara Sue Crain - January 14, 2017 at 07:39 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear Mr Raabe passed. He will always be Mr. Raabe to the many students from Manchester Grade School. He was always a deeply respected man, principal, father, friend, and someone who cared very much for you. Peace be with his family. Praying for his passing. A lot of folks loved him.

David Huff - January 14, 2017 at 06:51 AM

 Terry
Goodall

“ He was my 7th grade teacher. One time I pulled the chair out from under a friend in music class and was told to leave and go tell Mr Rabbe what I had done.[AT THAT TIME I WOULD OF RATHER TOOK A PUNCH TO THE NOSE!] I went up stairs, told him what I had done and he said, go sit over there and don't do that again. Wow! I respected him more than ever that day, he new I made a stupid mistake. I'm 61 yrs old now and when I would run into him, he always new my name. You will be missed by many MR Rabbe

Terry Goodall - January 14, 2017 at 06:18 AM

SA

“ What a great man! He was a wonderful Principle/Coach for Manchester and he gave me such great memories. RIP Mr. Raabe.

*Sandy (Brickey) Milano
Syracuse, NY*

Sandy - January 14, 2017 at 05:57 AM

SJ

Paul, Jeanne, Jessica and Leah you have my deepest sympathy. So sorry to hear of his passing.Hugs and Prayers from Tommy and I.

Shirley Judd - January 14, 2017 at 04:30 PM