



George Edward Ridder

July 14, 1953 - July 20, 2013

George E. Ridder, 60, of Roodhouse passed into his Heavenly Home Saturday, July 20, 2013 as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident June 28, 2013. He was born July 14, 1953 in Jacksonville, the son of Fredrick S. and Lucy V. Allen Ridder. He married Patricia J. Kelley Oct. 26, 1984 in Jacksonville.

Surviving is his wife, Pat Ridder; daughter, Kaci (husband, Jason) Havlin all of Roodhouse; mother, Lucy Ridder of Jacksonville; brother, Joe (wife, Jenn) Ridder of Springfield; sister, Stephanie Myers of Jacksonville; and several nieces and nephews. His father, Fredrick Ridder and brother-in-law, Dick Myers, preceded him in death.

George attended the Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville and All Saints in White Hall. He attended Franklin High School where he played basketball for the Franklin Flashes and graduated in 1971. George attended Illinois College where he played basketball for the Blueboys and graduated in 1975. He taught special education and physical education for North Greene School District, and he coached girls junior high basketball and boys/girls track. He served as the athletic director for North Greene Junior High School for the past several years. George served as the truancy officer for the North Greene School District for several years prior to teaching. He also played Santa Claus for many years for the needy children in the North Greene District. He was a

member of the White Hall Masonic Lodge #80 AF&AM and the Rasna Shrine. George was very community minded and served on many boards such as the Community Economical Development Board for several years.

Children were George's life. He loved being with them, teaching them, and coaching them.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the North Greene High School in White Hall. The family will greet friends Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of the service at the school. A private committal service will be held at the Manchester Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Coach Ridder Memorial Fund that will provide assistance in athletic related expenses for the school and students in care of North Greene School District.

Tribute Wall



“ George Edward Ridder

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ I am so saddened by the loss of such a great man. He was so loved and admired by kids and adults alike. I will always remember how contagious his smile was. I am glad that I was given the chance to know George because he was such a genuine, tell it like it is person with a kind heart. My heart and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Sami Dixon - July 27, 2013 at 04:09 PM



“ George was a wonderful coach for our daughters track in Jr High. Our prayers are with the family!
Rick and Brenda Witt

Brenda Witt - July 27, 2013 at 08:15 AM



“ George was a wonderful childhood friend. He always had an adventure in mind. So very sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Sorry I won't be able to make it to the visitation. Reuel (Buster) Wright, Jr.

Reuel Wright, Jr. - July 26, 2013 at 05:18 PM


Benjamin
Cox

“ George was a great man for the North Greene School District. His honesty and integrity along with his sense of humor are things I will always remember as a student and as a student-teacher. My condolences to the family.

Benjamin Cox - July 25, 2013 at 02:53 PM

HC

“ Dear Lou and family,
Kaye and I are very sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our prayers. We are unable to be with you as we are out of town. Our son, Andy informed us.
Harry and Kaye Coop

harry coop - July 24, 2013 at 10:06 PM

HB

“ Howard Bushnell lit a candle in memory of
George Edward Ridder



Howard Bushnell - July 24, 2013 at 09:22 PM

EN

“ Earl And Elaine Newingham lit a candle in
memory of George Edward Ridder



Earl and Elaine Newingham - July 24, 2013 at 09:20 PM

MO

“ I coached track at Carlinville Middle School for several years. Coach Ridder was always the first to ask if we needed help anywhere and was a great coach for those young athletes. He always had a smile on his face! He will be missed.



Michelle Owsley - July 24, 2013 at 05:46 PM

GF

“ Garnett Family lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Garnett Family - July 24, 2013 at 09:08 AM

DH

“ George was a fraternity brother and member of my 1973 pledge class with Phi Alpha at Illinois College. George was a great guy and gentle man. May God bless you George.

Doug Howard
Memphis, TN

Doug Howard - July 24, 2013 at 08:22 AM

LS

“ I had you for one year in p.e and track and I miss you and can't beleave your gone for reall so sad may you rest in pease mr.ridder

lars speaker - July 23, 2013 at 11:55 PM

GL

“ My sympathy goes out to the family and friends of George. I do not live in the area any more but attended IC with him and we were both in Phi Alpha together. My wife and I send our thoughts and prayers.

Greg and Cathy Lister

Greg Lister - July 23, 2013 at 11:54 PM

JB

“ Joey Bishop lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Joey Bishop - July 23, 2013 at 11:19 PM

SH

“ Shelby lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Shelbey - July 23, 2013 at 09:40 PM

KT

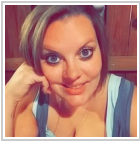
“ Words cannot begin to explain the sorrow I feel for your family at the loss of George. God Bless you all and you will be in my prayers.

Kathy Turner - July 23, 2013 at 09:12 PM

KH

“ It makes my heart smile to know that so many people loved my father. I will have to say he was a pretty great guy. I am so lucky to have had him as my daddy. He may have left this earth way to early, but the love and knowledge he shared with me will stay with me my entire lifetime. He was truly more than my father, he was my friend.

Kaci Havlin - July 23, 2013 at 09:06 PM



“ Ashley Neff lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Ashley Neff - July 23, 2013 at 08:43 PM

DD

“ Bill and I will never forget when Mr. Ridder came out by the bleachers where we were setting and said, The girls might be wearing there basketball uniforms a little wet. We all were laughing. He had put them in the washer and forgot to put them in the dryer. The 8th grade girls, came out and we all laughed and Mr. Ridder just smiled and went on. Molly and the rest of the girls thought it was funny. Mr. Ridder will be missed by many but never forgotten. He has left his spirit and love for all kids RIGHT HERE. They will carry on what he has taught them all. May God Bless His family and Friends at this time of sorrow. Love ya, Mr. Ridder.. Your one yeck of a guy. Bill and Debbie Dirksmeyer

Debbie Dirksmeyer - July 23, 2013 at 08:15 PM

PT

“ I remember the day last year when I went to the school to drop off some meds for my son Lukas. He came up to me in the hall and told me how much he enjoyed hveing my son in his class. How smart an proud of him he was. Them my son comes up and says hey mom this is one of my favorite teaches. He is awesome. He will be missed by so many. Heaven has a new angel to keep our kids safe.

Phyllis Thompson - July 23, 2013 at 07:37 PM

 Cookie Smith

“ Cookie Smith lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Cookie Smith - July 23, 2013 at 02:29 PM

 Cookie Smith

Mr. Ridder was a very nice Man, and we had the Blessing of getting to know him because we live behind the Junior high in Roodhouse where he worked, and so my husband would talk to him a lot coming and going from there. I had the pleasure of talking to him several different times when he came to our home to return a ball or some other toy that would end up at the school from my grandchildren. Our Deepest Sympathy's to all his Family~ <3

Cookie Smith - July 23, 2013 at 02:33 PM

BS

“ Brittany Shewmake lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Brittany Shewmake - July 23, 2013 at 01:56 PM

JO

“ James Orr lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



James Orr - July 23, 2013 at 01:29 PM

Joe Gietl

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Joe Gietl - July 23, 2013 at 12:57 PM

TI

“ Tiffany lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Tiffany - July 23, 2013 at 11:44 AM

ST

“ Stephanie lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Stephanie - July 23, 2013 at 11:28 AM


Whitney Estler

“ He was such a great person, teacher, and coach. You taught me a lot in school. I'll never forget you Mr. Ridder. You were awesome guy. Rest In Paradise.

Whitney Estler - July 23, 2013 at 11:21 AM

KG

“ Kim Heberling And Girls lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Kim Heberling and girls - July 23, 2013 at 11:09 AM

ST

“ He was one of my favorite teachers! I remember he never use 2 decorate his class room so my friends and I decided 2 decorate for Halloween one time well after Halloween was over he wouldn't let us take down the black cat we put on the door.. it became the all holiday cat lol :) he will missed by so many he had such a big heart and every1 loved him!!

stephanie - July 23, 2013 at 10:47 AM

RS

“ Renee Holt And Teresa Severns lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Renee Holt and Teresa Severns - July 23, 2013 at 10:35 AM

RS

“ *Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you and George were cared about. Know that we share in your grief and send our deepest sympathy and condolence to the entire Ridder family.*

Renee Holt and Teresa Severns - July 23, 2013 at 10:33 AM

BE

“ *Brenda & Jay Early lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder*



Brenda & Jay Early - July 23, 2013 at 10:31 AM

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Amanda Atwood-Miller - July 23, 2013 at 10:30 AM

AA

“ *Mr. Ridder was an amazing person. He loved children and loved to teach. We loved to torture him but he tortured us back. He was a wonderful teacher and coach. At times he was our counselor and even our referee. He was a brilliant man with a heart of gold and I will truly miss him. Gone but never forgotten. RIP MR. RIDDER*

Amanda Atwood-Miller - July 23, 2013 at 10:27 AM

AA

“ Amanda Atwood-Miller lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Amanda Atwood-Miller - July 23, 2013 at 10:24 AM

JG

“ Jennifer Gregory lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Jennifer Gregory - July 23, 2013 at 10:24 AM

GL

“ Gloria Lawson lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Gloria Lawson - July 23, 2013 at 09:01 AM

GL

Joe & I are sorry for your loss and are remembering your family & George's in our prayers.

Gloria Lawson - July 23, 2013 at 09:06 AM

PH

“ Penny Harbaugh lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Penny Harbaugh - July 23, 2013 at 08:14 AM

AL

Mr. Ridder was the first staff we met when Ally walked into the middle school for bb summer practice.....he was so kind and welcoming. As we became part of North Greene through staff and athletics, I always was impressed with George, how he was with the kids and his positive attitude. Both Bill and I enjoyed talking with him regarding games and life in general. NGMS has lost a tremendous teacher, mentor and friend. Rest in peace my friend.

Anne Logemann - July 23, 2013 at 10:59 AM

DG

“ Denise Guthrie lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



Denise Guthrie - July 23, 2013 at 07:46 AM

RM

“ Rhonda Mccaherty lit a candle in memory of George Edward Ridder



rhonda mccaherty - July 23, 2013 at 06:50 AM

Emily
Lawson

“ Emily Lawson lit a candle in memory of
George Edward Ridder



Emily Lawson - July 23, 2013 at 06:46 AM

MC

“ Mandy Christian lit a candle in memory of
George Edward Ridder



Mandy Christian - July 23, 2013 at 06:17 AM

SH

“ Shania Hardwick lit a candle in memory of
George Edward Ridder



Shania Hardwick - July 23, 2013 at 01:03 AM

KS

“ Kevin Sprague lit a candle in memory of
George Edward Ridder



Kevin Sprague - July 23, 2013 at 12:13 AM