



## Carl Eugene Culiver

August 20, 1936 - September 11, 2013

NEW HARMONY, INDIANA  
CARL EUGENE CULIVER

Carl E. "Gene" Culiver, 77, of New Harmony, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana following a lengthy illness. He was born August 20, 1936, to Carl G. and Erna M. (Fisher) Culiver in New Harmony, Indiana. He retired in 2002 as Assistant Superintendent of the Metropolitan School District of Mt. Vernon. He began his career in education in 1961 as a business teacher at Mt. Vernon High School and served the Mt. Vernon school system for 41 years. Highlights of his career as director of the school system's building and grounds include remodeling the Mt. Vernon Senior High School, building the new junior high school, remodeling Marrs Elementary School and the former Hedges Elementary School, building the school district's bus garage and tearing down of the old junior high school.

A graduate of New Harmony School, Gene served his country from 1954 to 1957 in the United States Marine Corps and proudly lived the motto "Once a Marine, Always a Marine." In his younger years, he was a roughneck in the oil fields of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, Wyoming and Montana. A graduate of Indiana State University in Terre Haute, he held a Master of Science degree in Education and was certified as a school guidance counselor. In 2002, he was presented the Distinguished Hoosier Award by

Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Gene was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. He previously served on the executive committee of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials Region 9 and was named the Association's School Business Official of the Year in 2002. He was a former member of the Posey County Emergency Planning Committee, the American Association of School Administrators, the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, and was treasurer of the Administrative Study Council of Southwestern Indiana. He also served on the board of directors of Western Hills Country Club, Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce and Alexandrian Free Public Library. Gene was a current member of the Economic Development Partnership of Posey County, treasurer of the Working Men's Institute Executive Committee; served on the executive committee of the Ribeyre Gymnasium Restoration Group and Harmonie Associates board of trustees. He was a Lifetime Member of American Legion Owen Dunn Post #5.

During retirement, along with his involvement in many community activities, Gene enjoyed the remodeling of two homes in New Harmony, recreational vehicle travels in the United States, five vacation tours in Europe, and the fellowship he and his "buddies" experienced while attending Deaconess cardiac rehab three mornings each week.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Phyllis (Pfister) Culiver, and an infant daughter, Carla.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years Karen (Schoolcraft) Walker; sons: Tim (Bridget) Culiver of Evansville, Indiana and Mike Culiver of Newburgh, Indiana; daughter: Dee Ann (Dave) Wylam of Ferdinand, Indiana; daughters by marriage: Leah (Kelly) Cox of Mt. Vernon, Indiana and Amy (Dan) Vonder Haar of Chesterfield, Missouri; sister: Virginia Sue (Donnie) Alsop of New Harmony, Indiana; 10 grandchildren: Ashley Wager, Abby Culiver, Ali Wylam, Joshua Stierley, Kyle, Jeremy, Kate and Caroline Cox, Riley and Walker Vonder Haar; two great grandchildren: Kylee and Brayden Cox and aunts: Betty Jo Fisher of Midland, Michigan and Joyce Rudisill of Grayville, Illinois.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 11 a.m., at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Interment with full military honors will be in Maple Hill Cemetery in New Harmony, Indiana.

Visitation will be Monday, September 16, 2013, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony, Indiana, and Tuesday at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service. A Rosary will be recited at 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Ribeyre Gymnasium Restoration Group, PO Box 162, New Harmony, Indiana 47631 or Wildcats Remembered, in care of Don Goerlitz, 1776 Tulare Avenue, Richmond, California 94805.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

5890 Maple Hill Road  
New Harmony, IN 47631

# Previous Events

## Rosary Service

SEP **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)  
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New Harmony, IN 47631  
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## Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
421 Mulberry Street  
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Eugene Culiver*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Dear Karen,*

*Gene was a dedicated educator. I will miss my dear friend. You are in my prayers as you celebrate mass and his faithful life. Love, Fr. Tony*



**Fr. Tony Kissel** - September 17, 2013 at 11:10 AM

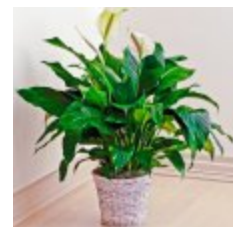


“ *Virginia, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending you a hug. Love you, Kay Hoehn*

**Kay Hoehn** - September 17, 2013 at 10:14 AM



“ *With Love, Gary, Tina, Nate, Trevor purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Carl Eugene Culiver.*

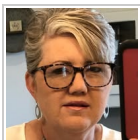


**With Love, Gary, Tina, Nate, Trevor** - September 17, 2013 at 09:33 AM

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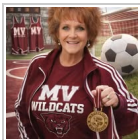
“ Carl was truly an accomplished gentleman who touched many lives. My sympathy to Karen and the family.  
Marge Bostick

Marge Bostick - September 16, 2013 at 04:41 PM



“ Sorry about your loss. Thinking of you during this time.

Angela Wiley - September 16, 2013 at 04:14 PM



“ Tim, Dee Ann, Mike, my sincere condolences to you all, your dad was an amazing person, I have so many fond memories growing up down the road from you - I'm praying that GOD wraps his loving arms around all of you and that you find comfort in your memories, love you all.



Vicki Embrey Bethel - September 16, 2013 at 02:02 PM

DW

“ Tim,

May God bless and be with you and your family during this time of great loss.

Darryl Woolsey

Darryl Woolsey - September 16, 2013 at 09:13 AM

JN

“ Carl was a true gentleman! A wonderful teacher and true professional. I am saddened by his death.

Jack Norvell - September 15, 2013 at 11:41 AM

AG

“ I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family. I knew Carl and have met Tim & Mike in the past - but only had contact with Carl occasionally. We were third cousins through the Smith side of the family. He was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed.

*Albert Gibbs*

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**Albert Gibbs** - September 14, 2013 at 01:47 PM



“ I Have You in My Heart Memorial Throw was purchased for the family of Carl Eugene Culiver.



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September 14, 2013 at 08:46 AM

LA

“ Yes, sad to hear of his passing; he was my DECA teacher at MVHS ('65-'69/Linda Rickert) and a great inspiration to me.

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**Linn Campbell, Tucson, AZ** - September 13, 2013 at 02:09 PM

MR

“ Sorry to hear of his passing . He was a awesome techer in the 60's and remembering awesome time we had in class.  
*Marybeth (Stallman) Rush*

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**Mary Beth Rush** - September 13, 2013 at 09:00 AM

LG

*Dee Ann and family, Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I have fond memories of him while we were growing up in HS. Lots of laughs! May you find comfort in God's blessing during your time of sorrow. Laura Juncker*

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**Laura Juncker, Bogart, Georgia** - September 14, 2013 at 10:15 PM

VJ

*What a great guy, the only person who understood how hard it was for me to leave the country and move to town, he always encouraged me, it would get better, and it did, he felt the same way about the country living,,,,EVEN my family did not understand.like he did,and he always made it a point to see how I was doing. He was one of the really good ones, will miss you, " DUCKY". That is all I knew him by for years, as Chop called him that. Sympathy to all.*

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**Vera Johnson** - September 16, 2013 at 02:06 PM