



James R. Kieffer

May 14, 1923 - July 27, 2014

James Ross Kieffer, 91, of McClure died Sunday, July 27, 2014 at Oak Grove Health Center, Deshler.

He was born May 14, 1923 to the late Ralph and Nellie (Bradshaw) Kieffer. On July 11, 1948 he married Mildred "Fern" Richard in Newport, KY and she preceded him in death on January 23, 2008.

James graduated from McClure high school in 1941 and then furthered his education at BGSU where he achieved a specialist's degree in education. He was a Math teacher with several Northwest Ohio schools. He was a member of Westhope Bible church, Henry County retired teachers, and Richfield and Bethel Grange. He volunteered with many organizations with his late wife Fern. He will always be remembered for his research and preparation of trivia quizzes.

He is survived by children, Joyce (Jerry) Erven, Nora Kieffer, Robert (Jodi) Kieffer, all of McClure and Donald Kieffer, of Las Vegas, NV; 7 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by brothers, Ronald, Tom, Glenn, and Richard Kieffer; sisters, Ellen Moore, Evelyn Kieffer, Dorothy Kieffer, Phyllis Kieffer, and Nancy Maxwell.

Services are being planned and will be announced at a later date. Jim's final wishes were to have his body donated to The University of Toledo Medical College.

Memorials are suggested to Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation c/o

Gene Grime 192 Old Creek Dr. Napoleon, Ohio 43545, Oak Grove Activities Fund 620 E. Water St. Deshler, Ohio 43516, or donor's choice.

Family would like to give a most sincere thank you to Oak Grove Healthcare for the special care provided to James.

Online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

DI

“ To the Kieffer family,
I worked at the RSVP office in Napoleon for several years. Mr. Kieffer came in on 2 occasions and brought his quizzes and wonderful smile and terrific stories. How nice to hear how he and Mrs. Kieffer gave back to the community! What a marvelous time I had when he showed up! He made my day!
I'm sure you will miss him very much.
Diane

Diane - August 11, 2014 at 08:50 PM

CE

“ Joyce, can you imagine the commotion created in heaven when your Mom and Dad and my Mom hooked up? There will soon be an additional classroom added to the mansion for lifelong learners full of spirit and spunk! Your Dad was a treasure. Hope to see you at his service down the road. He always made me smile and was so loyal and supportive of the Center for Lifelong Learning! My sincerest sympathy. Cecily

Cecily - August 01, 2014 at 11:55 AM

EW

“ Joyce and family,

I have many fond memories of both your parents...two great people! My most vivid memory of your father was when he was my math teacher at McClure. He was always smiling and encouraging.

Take care,

Elaine & Frank Wells - July 29, 2014 at 07:22 PM

TE

“ I have missed seeing his smiling face as he went through the buffet line at the Richard get-togethers (for the third time) with his metal tray. My second strongest memory is meeting Jim & Fern at Hueston Woods State Park Lodge when I was very young. They were visiting Fern's old college, Western, and hiking the trails at Hueston Woods. I still am in awe at their strength and stamina and all the places they traveled.

I so enjoyed the times I spent talking with them at the Richard reunions, walking over to their home whenever we would visit Grandma and Grandpa Richard, the moments in all our lives that he recorded with the photographs he took over the years, and all the puzzles that he prepared. He always made me feel like I had something important to say - I dearly loved that man.

Our most sincere condolences on your loss, and please know he will live forever in our memories.

With our love,
Frank and Terri Sue (Richard) Yost

Terri - July 28, 2014 at 04:09 PM

BM

“ Wow - I have lots, but one that always jumps out is playing checker at Grandpa & Grandma Richard's house. Uncle Jim was a very good checker player and very hard to beat. I did one time, but now that I think about it, he might have played me hard enough to make me think and try harder, but let me win to give me encouragement. I sure do miss our Aunt's, Uncles and parents that have gone on before us. So many great memories.
To all of the Kieffer family - you have our sympathy.

Paul & Betty Mowery

Betty Mowery - July 28, 2014 at 08:56 AM