



Robert J. Brokamp

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Robert J. Brokamp, age 88 of Batesville, died Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at St. Andrew's Health Campus. Born March 4, 1926 in Richmond, Indiana, he is the son of Hilda (Nee: Werner) and Charles Brokamp Sr. Bob served in the army during World War II seeing action on the islands of Jolo, Sulu Archipelago in the Philippines, earning a Bronze Star, the Asiatic Pacific Medal with one Bronze Battle Star and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Battle Star. After the war, he served for an additional year in occupied Japan as part of the surrender agreement, destroying weapons.

After the service, he attended Ball State University and did his graduate work at the Catholic University of America and Indiana University. He would then go on to teach at Batesville High School 36 years before retiring in 1986. Bob left a lasting legacy at the school. He introduced three new subjects into the curriculum which were psychology, economics and exploratory teaching. He also organized the Batesville Chapter of the National Honor Society in 1953 and penned numerous articles for educational journals on Social Studies teaching methods.

Civic minded, Bob held several positions for the city over the years. He would spend 11 years as a board member for the Batesville Public Library, nine of those as President. From 1960 - 1963 he sat on the Batesville Redevelopment Commission. He was elected to the Batesville City Council in 1963, serving one term. In 1966 he would return to the Batesville Redevelopment Commission and serve as its' President until 1990. He would also manage the Batesville Memorial Swimming Pool from 1953 - 1991. Bob was a member of St. Louis Church, the Batesville V.F.W. Post #3183, the Prell-Bland American Legion Post #271 and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

He is survived by his life partner of 47 years, Wayne Fischer. Bob and Wayne enjoyed traveling and took numerous cruises. Although they liked visiting St. Martin's, the



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Grand Caymans became a home away from home. They spent Christmas in the Caymans for 40 years until recently when Bob's health made travel difficult. In addition to Wayne, he is also survived by two nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister Ester Chamberlain; brother Charles Brokamp Jr. and two nephews. Visitation is Monday, March 9th, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services follow at 11 a.m. at St. Louis Church with Rev. Stan Pondo officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military rites conducted by the Batesville V.F.W. and the Prell-Bland American Legion. The family requests memorials to the V.F.W. or the Legion.



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DI

Dave And Judy Brandenstein Of Whitestown, Indiana posted:

Wayne, Dave and I send our deepest sympathies. As you know, Bob was considered part of our family and loved by all of us. Even after knowing Bob for 47 years, there was so much more about Bob we didn't know. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Love you.

March 10 at 8:00 PM

RC

Randi Smith Of California posted:

It is 3:30 a.m. on the west coast and I can't sleep thinking about you Wayne. The prayer we learn as children keeps running through my mind. "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take". Thank you Heavenly Father for answering Wayne's prayer. Thank you Bob for your service to our country and for all that you contributed to make this world a better place. Love you Wayne with all my heart.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

RI

Ruth Ann Batta Of New Alsaces, Indiana posted:

Much Sympathy to all. Paul and I both knew Bob from his days @ the pool. Paul was in some of Bob's swimming classes, and I knew Bob from when I swam and coached for Aurora. Bob was such a wonderful man. You have many great memories to treasure. Love you Wayne.

March 6 at 8:00 PM

BS

B&B Stock posted:

B&B stock has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

March 5 at 8:00 PM

RI

Rosemary Woolery Of Logan, Indiana posted:

Wayne - How very sad to lose one with whom you have shared your love and life. I am thinking of you, wishing I could attend the visitation and funeral but I will be in Houston. Love you, Wayne.

March 4 at 8:00 PM



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BI

Beverly(Moody)Jumper Of Marseilles,Illinois posted:

Deepest sympathy to the family. I remember Mr. Brokamp very well as one of my teachers.I was in the class of 1965. Rest in peace.6

March 4 at 8:00 PM

LG

Laura Vierling Holcomb Of Byron, Georgia posted:

My condolences to Wayne and Mr Brokamp's nephews. My summers were spent at Batesville Memorial Swimming POOL and Mr. Brokamp taught so many of us how to swim through the Red Cross program. I then had him as a teacher in high school and his dry sense of humor was the thing I enjoyed most about him! Thank you for your service to our country, to our schools and to our community.

March 4 at 8:00 PM

AA

Audrey Snider Of Los Angeles, Ca posted:

Mr. Brokamp introduced me to the workings of the government. I am still a news junkie. I have passed this interest on my son who is now studying political science at Cornell University. " To teach is to touch a life forever" What an influential man.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

MB

Mitch & Mags Thielking Of Batesville posted:

One of my favorite teachers. Everyone knows Bob. My parents even have great stories about Bob. He will be missed.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

Jl

Jane O'grady Of Osgood, Indiana posted:

My Condolences to Wayne and bob's nephews. I grew up in the summers at the Batesville Memorial Swimming pool as did many kids of my generation. Our parents had no fear because they knew Mr. Brokamp ran a tight ship. We would be safe Many kids from my generation lbecame good swimmers from Mr. Brokamp's Excellent Red Cross Swimming programs, Some of us became life guards and were employed by Mr. Brook amp. Mr. Brokamp's legacy on the importance of swimming was passed on to our own children . Mr. Brokamp' set the standard when it came to teaching and training young people.

March 3 at 8:00 PM



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BB

Beth Romberger Miller Of Myrtle Beach, Sc posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr. Brocamp's passing. He was a great teacher and a fine man. So loved his sence of humor, so dry. Rest in peace.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

RC

Rebecca Jackson Of Connecticut posted:

Sincerest sympathy to Wayne and Nephews, Mr. Brokamp was a wonderful teacher that left a lasting impression on me. Also, lots of good memories at the Batesville Pool. A huge loss for Batesville.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

TP

Tom Bischoff Of Philadelphia posted:

So sorry to learn of this sad news as Mr. Brokamp was know by so many people in Batesville, particularly those he taught at BHS. May he rest in peace.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

DS

Deborah Bland Sherman Of Seattle, Wa posted:

My condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Brokamp. What an influential individual he was in the lives of so many in Batesville. I'm sure he will be missed! How interesting to read his obituary. I didn't know a fraction of what he had accomplished.

March 2 at 8:00 PM

GB

George Junker Of Batesville posted:

Wayne, my sympathies to you on Bob's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

March 2 at 8:00 PM

CI

Cheryl Prentice Of Indianapolis, In posted:

Wayne, John and I sent our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Bob. He was a fine man! Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers! Cheryl & John Prentice

March 2 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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