



Paul Guard, Jr.

July 28, 2010

Paul H. Guard, Jr., 77, of Wappapello, Mo., died Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at St. Francis Medical Center. He was born August 16, 1932 in Poplar Bluff, Mo. to Paul Howard and Lena Myrant Guard. He and Billie Chappell were married June 12, 1952 at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Paul was a graduate of College High. In 1962, he received a B.S. in Math and Physics from Southeast Missouri State University, where he also completed work toward a masters degree. He was a teacher at Kelly High School 1962-65, Scott City High School 1965-1996, and Eagle Ridge Christian School 1996-2004. While at Scott City High School he was head of the math department many years and started the computer program. For Paul, teaching was a passion, not just a career. More than 25 former students went on to receive engineering degrees. Both Scott City High School and Eagle Ridge Christian School annually award college scholarships in his name. In addition to teaching, he worked as a stone mason, having worked in this field since age 15. Paul loved to fish and go camping. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict as an engineer gunner on B-26 airplanes. He was a lifetime member of First Church of the Nazarene in Cape Girardeau. He was also a member of Missouri State Teachers Association. Survivors include his wife, Billie Guard of Wappapello; two sons, Paul H. (Shari) Guard, III and Perry Crawford (Carol) Guard of Cape Girardeau; one daughter, Julie H. (Jeff) Briney of Lake Saint Louis, Mo.; one sister, Carolyn Spencer of Perryville, Mo.; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren, three great-stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death

by his parents, and one brother, Robert Guard. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, July 30, 2010 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, July 31, 2010 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with the Revs. Mark Carbaugh and Jason Hill officiating. A committal service will be held at 9:00 AM, Monday, August 2, 2010 at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Mo. with full military rites by Missouri Honors Team. Memorial contributions may be given to American Lung Association, 1118 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63139.

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Mr. Guard was truly an exceptional educator. While in high school at ISC, I never felt comfortable with math; however, he said anyone can learn it---for some it takes a little longer and requires more work. Mr. Guard encouraged me to join the chess club I believe I was the first girl to join the club. I still remember the happy-surprised look on his face when I made it to the second round of the tournament. Although I didn't progress further in the tournament, that win gave me a bit of confidence I have carried with me throughout my life. Due in part to Mr. Guard's encouragement and words of wisdom I eventually went to college and had confidence to succeed in all the math courses required for my degree it just took a little more work. Thankfully I had the opportunity to express my gratitude to him several years ago while attending a class reunion. To Mr. Guard's family, you have my most sincere condolences. I know you are all proud of the inspiration he was to so many. The Lord provided him with a gift of teaching and inspiring others. He didn't waste that gift but embraced it.

Ann (Koch) Fowler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ As a student of I-SC class of "79" I always knew to be quite in your class because I knew you would tell my Mom & Dad on Sunday. What a special family you have been to me!! I know many shared memories of camping with mom & dad are held dear to their hearts. Please know I love you all and will be thinking of you in your days ahead. Love and Prayers always!!!

Beverly Hester- Lorenz - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *My condolences to the entire Guard family that I was so close to when I lived across the street from them on Lear Drive in Cape G.*

Betty Ford Barker Garner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Our families thoughts and prayers are with your family. Paul was a wonderful teacher and touched all of our lives.*

Beth Henderson Colbert - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *i will miss you so much. who am i going too fuss with. and tell me how ungly my dog is. `my prayers are with billie julie perry paul and all grandchildern.i love you betty hester*

betty and doug hester - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Mr. Guard was one of my greatest inspirations during my time at Scott City High School. He challenged me personally to achieve the highest standards of academic success. The critical thinking skills I first learned in his classes are with me still. Because of his mentoring, I hold a doctorate in biochemistry and physiology and am now a professor at the University of Kansas. I will miss his passion for math and our frequent chess games! Please accept my condolences, but more importantly, please accept my gratitude for having Mr. Guard in my life.*

David C. Pendergrass - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Mr. Guard was one of my favorite teachers. He had a way of explaining things to us so that we could understand what we were doing. He will be missed by many who knew and loved him. We all have fond memories of him. Charlotte Ross

Charlotte (Horton) Ross - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ I did not have the pleasure to know Grandpa Guard like so many of you have, but he was a good man. My family and I extend our condolences.

Vanessa L. Pearl - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I never appreciated what a great teacher you were until I got to college and realized how prepared I was because of you. We will miss you Mr. Guard !!!

Chuck Humburg - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Mr. Guard was one of the most influential teachers I have ever had. I still remember him with very fond memories. He was a good man and that is what made him such a great teacher. My prayers are with his family. Class of 83

Kim Buckingham (Wright) - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

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BB

“ Alot can be said about Mr. Gaurd but to me the one thing that stands out the most is his dedication to his students. He was a friend to all that he taught! Rest in peace Mr. Gaurd!

Billy Brant - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ class of 1986...Will be deeply missed. Boom

kenny holder jr - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Guard. He was the "best" teacher either one of us had ever encountered at any level. No one had more passion for teaching their students than he did. As two of his past students that went on to earn engineering degrees, we will be forever grateful for his guidance and insight that allowed us to fulfill our dreams. Thank you Mr. Guard for all that you have done for a multitude of students. Your legacy will live on through them.

Wayne (79) and Diane (81 Hearing) Diebold - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Coming to Scott City as a new student in 7th grade was naturally hard. I remember Mr. Guard being such a bright spot in my new school. To this day he is one of my favorite and most respected teachers. Class of 1995. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Angie McCloud Pfaff - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Paul was the best teacher I ever had the pleasure to know. He saw the ability in a student and worked to develop it, not only by challenging the academics , but through his good works outside the class room. It has been many years since I last saw him, but he, and his family, will always have a special place in my childhood memories. His passing takes him to his life's reward. Rejoice as he stands before Him, and the Master says well done. So Mote It Be!

Kenneth W. Kinder - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Bill and I send condolences to the Guard family. Though I have since taught in school districts from Missouri to Southern California to Atlanta, I have encountered no finer, more dedicated colleague than dear Mr. Guard. Bill has always held him up as the model of what teaching is all about. It was our pleasure to know and work with him. Like the little poem about teaching says, "A teacher affects eternity." And Mr. Guard did that.

Bill and Pat Heckert - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I was so deeply sorry to hear of Paul's passing. It was my pleasure to teach with Paul for many years at Scott City. He was a great teacher, and I was proud to call him a friend and colleague. Many of us were better teachers and people for having known Mr. Guard. And there are many students out there whose lives are that much better for having had him as a teacher and mentor.

Pat Andrews Stewart - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Mr. Guard was one of my favorite teachers. I learned a great deal from him and became a fan of physics and math through his guidance at Scott City High School. I even went on to get my teaching degree with a math minor because of some of his influence. He truly loved what he did and this was a passion that he passed on to a great many students. My condolences to his family.

Sherri Warren-Voerg - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mr. Guard is one of those teachers whose lessons stick with you throughout your life. My condolences to the family. Mr. Guard was truly a great teacher and influence to the Class of '72 at ISC.

Dianne Hensley Kile - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ As a very "green" teacher at Scott City, Mr. Guard was my rock. I could go to him for answers and just to talk. He always had time for me and a positive word. His love for his students was a continual inspiration. My life was truly blessed by having known him. It is a privilege to have been able to work with him at Scott City.

Donna (Propst) Shell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ I taught at Illmo-Scott City with Paul when I was very young. I was in the room next to Paul's teaching American and World History. I have never forgotten him. It was my great honor to have know Paul. Skip Howell

William (Skip) Howell, Jr. - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My prayers and condolenses are with you and the family. So many memories from those years so long ago when Roy and Paul were such close friends. Christian love to you all. Doris

Doris Sitton Wilson - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I enjoyed working with Mr. Guard at Eagle Ridge Christian School. He was the kind of person that exemplifies what we all should become, a selfless man dedicated to the advancement of others. It was an honor to know him.

Tony V. Hammack - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ When someone asks who was your favorite teacher, Mr. Guard was at the top of the list because I still use the critical thinking skills he taught. I still remember shaking his hands, hands hardened from him being a stonemason, but always willing to help. My hat's off to you.

Ronald G. Dumey - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Mr. Guard was absolutely one of the best teachers ever! He genuinely cared about the success of all of his students, those who struggled and those who excelled and all those in-between. He was way ahead of his time in encouraging girls in the areas of math and science. I was privileged to have him first as a teacher, and then as a mentor and colleague when I came back to I-SC as a business teacher. I worked with him in starting the computer program and he did a great job--again he was way ahead of everyone in his vision for the program. He was an inspiration to many people.*

Lisa Raney Zimmer, Class of '76 - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM