



Herbert L. Tripp

July 19, 1932 - December 21, 2025

If you are unable to attend Mr. Tripp's service in person, please feel free to use this Zoom Link to watch his service live. Please click on the blue link below or you may copy the link below and paste it in your favorite browser.

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Herbert L. Tripp, 93, passed away peacefully on December 21 at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, IN, after an unexpected decline following surgery on December 5. Herb was born at his grandmother's home in Barryton, Michigan on July 19, 1932, to Floyd and Doris (Haney) Tripp. Herb grew up in Detroit before moving to Indiana to attend Huntington University (née Huntington College). Herb took a leave from college to join the Navy. Following his 4-year enlistment, he returned to Huntington College to finish his degree where he had the good fortune of meeting Dorothy Anne Betterly, and they were married 2 years later on June 28, 1958. Herb and Dorothy lived in Ossian, Indiana nearly all of their married life, where they raised their two sons, Duane and Alan. They enjoyed over 60 years of marriage until Dorothy's passing in 2019. In the lonely years since Dorothy's passing, he reached out to many individuals who have appreciated companionship, due to illness or otherwise, and he honed the skills of being both a quiet presence and an engaged

listener.

Herb's career was largely spent as a science, math, and computer programming teacher and department head at Norwell High School, followed by a number of years working with a small business that computerized large corporations. Herb continued to be a computer guru until his last days. Throughout Herb's life he was an accomplished pen and ink artist, with a particular interest in drawing barns. In his retirement Herb became a master woodworker, making countless pieces of furniture, beautiful bowls, custom pieces, and dovetailed boxes for friends and family members' cremains, including his own. He was still woodworking in his shop with his son, Alan, the day before his surgery.

Herb is survived by his sons Duane Tripp, Shelbyville, IN, and Alan (Mona Jean Harley), Madison, WI, his grandchildren Annika and Eli, and many special relatives and friends.

Herb was a long-standing and involved member of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, where a memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 3 at 2:00pm with a reception following the service. A visitation hour will be held at 1pm prior to the service. Memorials can be made to Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 South Calhoun Street, Ft. Wayne, IN 46807.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren
6404 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ Getting to know Herb as well as I did while working with him in his shop has been a true blessing. I will always cherish the items I made while he taught me to be a wood turner. He was a very giving man and always had great stories. Our conversations always dominated our time together. He will be greatly missed. Randy Buuck

Randy Buuck - January 02 at 12:26 AM

AT

Thank you, Randy. Dad truly enjoyed working with you.

Alan Tripp - January 16 at 08:13 PM

SU

I just found out today that Herb was telling his stories in heaven. His wood carvings were amazing, and he said he would make a chalice for me to give to my daughter. He did!! He left his son a request to finish it, and his son contacted me with a picture of the completed, beautiful masterpiece. His smile and artistry will be cherished forever. Thank you, my friend. Sue Ellet

Sue - February 22 at 03:37 PM

JW

“ Herb was a dear friend to many and helped with school math to many when called. All the Lincolnshire Church family will miss his friendship & smile on Sunday morning. Tom & Jan

Janice Ward - January 01 at 06:23 PM

ST

“ Sorry for the loss of your father Alan. Great to hear you were working together in woodworking to the end. Peace to you and your family.

stan - December 28, 2025 at 06:53 PM

LI

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

Lisa - December 26, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DE

“ I loved Herb as a teacher he inspired me to do better. He was my favorite Norwel teacher. He took time to make a difference in my life. Prayers for the family.

Daniel Eckelbarger - December 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM

PB

“ May Herb rest in peace. I have many memories of Herb in my room here. One of the first wooden bowls he made and his drawings of the home where I grew up. And all the happy memories of the 4 of us together. Looking forward to the 4 of us being together again.
Peggy Betterly

Peggy JO Betterly - December 22, 2025 at 06:23 PM

LS

I'm so sorry Alan in the loss of your Dad. Praying for you and your family

Lori VanMeter Sattison - December 23, 2025 at 09:39 AM

GD

Mr. Tripp got the first computer at Norwell and became the foundation of further technical education. Great math teacher. Very quiet but we all learned well under him. God bless you and your family.

Gene Donaghy - December 23, 2025 at 07:58 PM

GW

I remember Herb as a very devoted, loving, father, grandfather, and friend. Always quietly standing in the background waiting to help however he could. My sincere sympathy to all your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Gwen Wilson - December 26, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AS

Alan so sorry for your loss. I'm glad to know you had some quality time before his passing.

AI Schulz - December 26, 2025 at 06:39 PM

HB

*Alan, Duane and family,
The Tripp family had been such a blessing to the Nobles for many years from Jeremy and mine youth group leaders with Alan and Mona Jean to Herb and Dottie relationship with our parents. Herb was always there for mom when dad passed including making their own "creamin boxes" Herb is missed so much. We love you all so much. Thinking and praying for you all during this difficult time.*

*Love Always,
Heather, Jeremy, and Linda Nobles*

Heather Brockhouse - December 27, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DS

Duane, Alan, Mona Jean, and family,

What a great man. Herb always had an almost ornery smile for me. And his support for me and my endeavors never wavered. I had some very good conversations with Herb, that were meaningful to us both. Thank you for sharing your parents with so many.

With love from the Gorom family.

Denise Schwaberow - January 01 at 07:30 PM

AC

Herb was a good friend. I'll miss him. Thank you for letting me know of his passing. Ardyce Czuchna-Curl

Ardyce Czuchna-Curl - January 05 at 06:07 PM

KD

Alan & Duane, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. For some reason, I missed it in the newspaper. Herb and Dorothy were great neighbors and my Dad enjoyed talking with Herb. Herb also came over to our house when I was in high school and struggling with some math. My thoughts are with you ... Katrina (Curry) Drillien

Katrina Drillien - January 20 at 09:23 PM