



Lex D. Dormire

July 20, 1929 - November 15, 2011

LEX D. DORMIRE, 82, of Uniondale, Indiana, passed away on November 15, 2011, in Bluffton, Indiana. He earned his undergraduate degree at Manchester College and a master's degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University. Between degrees, he served in the Army in the Korean conflict, and received a Korean Service medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars. Upon his return to Wells County, he pursued a career in education, first as a teacher at Lancaster High School, then as principal at Union High School. After consolidation in 1967, he became the first principal of Norwell High School and served in that position for 22 years until his retirement in 1989. As principal, Mr. Dormire believed in balancing discipline with compassion, and was an ardent supporter of his teachers. Part of his legacy is the positive impact he made on students who passed through Norwell's doors during his tenure. Throughout his life, he was a strong advocate for physical fitness. He played basketball at Rock Creek High School, founded the tennis team at Norwell, and ran mini-marathons well into his 70s. In retirement, Mr. Dormire became an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne where he served on numerous committees and as president of the congregation. He also developed an abiding interest in nature, planting hundreds of trees on his homestead and for many friends.

Mr. Dormire is survived by his wife, Ina May, daughters Abigail Dormire Powers (Doug) of Fort Wayne, Anne Keely Galluzzo (Charles Brumbaugh) of

Cincinnati, and seven grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Norwell High School Scholarship Fund.

Calling hours are from 2 to 5 & 6 to 8 p.m., on Friday, November 25 at Thoma/Rich Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton. Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 26 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne, followed by a private burial at Horeb Cemetery. Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

NOV **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Service

NOV **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Falls Cemetery
725 Falls Avenue
Wabash, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Lex D. Dormire

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear: Dormire Family,

While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one.

Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.

Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.

If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).

I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.

Sincerely Yours,

Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 09:54 AM



“ To the family of Lex Dormire,
I have just read about Lex's passing, and I wanted to offer my
condolences, even though late. I had great respect for Lex as my
principal while teaching in the Norwell system. He was a great role
model. I am sure you are missing him still. I thought a lot of his
family, also. Hi to all.
Sincerely, Diana Sell###imported-begin##Diana Sell###imported-
end##

January 14, 2012 at 11:28 PM



“ To the family, you have my prayers for your loss. I remember
Principal Dormire at Union Center School and his discipline and
caring as he joined us on the basketball court. His abilities are a
part of many lives he touched in his career.###imported-begin##Leon
Tarr###imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 09:45 PM



“ Abby and family, I was so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He
was a good guy and a great principal. He cared so much for the
students. Again, you have my sympathy in this hard time.
Denise###imported-begin##Denise Milholland Grove###imported-
end##

December 07, 2011 at 10:20 AM



“ Anne & Abby, I send you my deepest sympathy, and my heart
reaches out to you at this time and always. With Love,
Kim###imported-begin##Kim (Durr) Mann###imported-end##

December 06, 2011 at 08:55 PM



“ Abby & family - My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I just lost my dad in July and it's so hard to deal with the loss of someone you love. Turn to family and friends to help you through each day.##imported-begin##Angi Adams##imported-end##

November 28, 2011 at 03:37 PM



“ Anne
I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was such a great guy. His obituary brought back many good memories of us as kids hanging out at your house. I wish I could have stopped by to see you but time did not permit. Take care. Mary Alice##imported-begin##Mary Alice (West) Miller##imported-end##

November 26, 2011 at 08:07 AM



“ Ina Mae, Abby and Anne, I was so sorry to hear about your dad passing away. He was one of the best. Never had a bad word to say about anyone. My heart goes out to you all at this difficult time. May God be with you all during this very difficult time. At least we know he isn't suffering any longer.##imported-begin##Kristine Bushee##imported-end##

November 23, 2011 at 02:53 AM



“ My sincere sympathy for your family.He was a man to humbly respect and admire.##imported-begin##Kevin Williams##imported-end##

November 22, 2011 at 07:31 PM



“ *Ina May, Abby and Anne, my thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of your precious loved one.##imported-begin##Doreen Dunphy Ayers##imported-end##*

November 22, 2011 at 06:30 PM



“ *Condolences on your loss. Lex was a wonderful principal and a great man. I will keep your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Julie (James) Swisher##imported-end##*

November 22, 2011 at 02:33 PM



“ *Lex and family, All of you were and are influential in my developement and growth as a musical performer, person, and educator. The love and compassion from all of you, as guided by Lex, will endure in my life forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Ric & Bev Geist##imported-begin##Ric Geist##imported-end##*

November 21, 2011 at 01:18 PM



“ *My principal, my tennis coach and a fellow sheep-herder.##imported-begin##Kent Arnold##imported-end##*

November 21, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ My sincere regards and thoughts to both Anne and Abby, as well a their respective families in this time of your father's passing. Your Dad was quite an institution during his administrative tenure for the Well County School system. He was a pretty good tennis coach too!##imported-begin##Pamela Hoopingarner-Boye##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 09:15 PM



“ Condolences.##imported-begin##Jeff Smith##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 12:43 PM



“ My condolences to the Dormire family.##imported-begin##Lori Bennett##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 12:41 PM



“ I had the pleasure of having Mr. Dormire as my principal at Norwell High School. He was a fine man and a fine principal, and I always felt he treated everyone fairly and respectfully.

My condolences to his family.

Tony Ehret##imported-begin##Tony Ehret##imported-end##

November 17, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Dormire's passing. He was the best! He was always fair and let us know, as students, how important we were to him and how much he believed in us. Though I have not seen him in a number of years, I am sure he will be greatly missed by all. He touched many lives, leaving a positive imprint. Prayers to his family.##imported-begin##Theresa Haneline##imported-end##

November 17, 2011 at 12:29 PM



“ I am so sorry about reading the news of Mr. Dormire. I was a substitute teacher in the early 80's. I finally got a teaching position in Houston, Texas. I still talk about him how supportive he was with me while subbing. I wish there were more prinipals like him. I will keep Mr. Dormire's family in my prayers.##imported-begin##debbie heckman##imported-end##

November 16, 2011 at 09:14 PM