



## Fredrick "Keith" McLaughlin

December 16, 1931 - May 18, 2014

Fredrick "Keith" McLaughlin, 82, of Anderson, passed away on Sunday May 18, 2014 at Community Hospital in Anderson. He was born on December 16, 1931 in Noblesville, Indiana to Benson F. McLaughlin and Annie Laurie Swain McLaughlin. Keith graduated from Noblesville High School in 1949, and received his undergraduate, and graduate degrees from Ball State University. Keith worked for Anderson Community Schools as a teacher and administrator, retiring in 1989. He was past president of the Madison County Retired Teachers Association. He was also a musician and had been a member of the American Federation of Musicians since 1949. Keith was a member of the Indiana National Guard and participated in the 38th Division National Guard Band. He played for many years in dance bands in the area, most notably The Starlighters from Portland, Indiana. In later years, he played with the Alexandria Community Band, Lapel Community Band, Muncie Hometown Band, Anderson University Community Band and many musicals at Anderson's Mainstage Theater. He helped to organize a group called the Clarinet Playing Friends. Keith was a member of Central Christian Church of Anderson, where he had served as a Deacon and Elder. He was involved in many committees and sang with the choir. Keith is survived by his wife, Marian Truax McLaughlin; children, Susan John Leaver, Michael Tammy McLaughlin and Lisa McLaughlin Cunningham; grandchildren, Jeffrey Sarah McLaughlin, Amber Anthony Leaver-Krafnick, Maigen Jim Rowe, James Stacy Leaver, Jon Amy McLaughlin, Molly Cunningham and Conor Cunningham; great-grandchildren, Soren, Joseph and Ana McLaughlin, Maya Leaver and Luca McLaughlin. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Howard K. McLaughlin. Visitation will be held 12:00-3:00 pm Friday May 23, 2014 at Robert Loose Funeral Homes 200 W. 53rd Street, Anderson, Indiana. Services will be at 3:00 pm Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Rick Vale officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Central Christian Church, Anderson's Mainstage Theater or Alexandria Community Band. [www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com)

# Comments

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“ Praying for your family. I had Mr McLaughlin in 6th grade at Franklin Elementary. He was always a favorite teacher of mine. He was a caring man and a very good teacher. I hope all of your memories bring you peace.

**Tami Quinn-Detling** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jim Yeoman, I was in Mr McLaughlin's class the same year as Wayne. I remember you and always wondered what happened to you and your family. You brought my friends and myself to see your twins when they were first born. I'm on Facebook and would love to hear from you.

**Tami Quinn-Detling** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. McLaughlin & Family.I am so sorry to hear of Keith's passing. I remember him at Noblesville High School, although I'm not exactly sure of the time frame. I do know that I took private clarinet lessons from him in 1953 or '54. He tried very hard, but I just didn't have the talent that I needed to become good at it. I did bump into him a few years ago at Central Christian Church one Sunday.As a side note, his father was very kind to me in the summer of 1958. I was going to get married and wanted to buy a trailer to live in at Purdue. Dad would not co-sign a note for me, so I went to see Mr. McLaughlin Benson. I was not yet 21, so he told me to come see him after my birthday. I did, a loan was arranged and we've lived happily ever after for almost 56 years but not in the trailer.Mu sincerest sympathies to your family.

**Stanley Huff** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ We remember Keith and Marian's love and support during the eight years we were their pastoral family with joy and gratitude. Our prayers and love go to Marian and her family, and to all in the Madison County community. Everyone has lost a great friend.

**Gene and Linda Bryant** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marian, Mike and Tammy, we are very sorry to learn of your loss. You are in our prayers.

**Pat and Marty Wetmore** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**Julie Boone & family** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences are with all of you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

**Jen Sanchez** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wayne, I think of you and your classmates often. I taught 6th grade at Franklin from '66 - '69. Jim Yeoman

**Jim Yeoman** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I didn't have Mr. McLaughlin for my sixth grade teacher at Franklin Elementary, but I remember him well. He had me come to his class to read a story I'd written, and praised it when I finished. Since then I've written for newspapers, magazines, and I'm working on my second book. He made a difference for a lot of us. He was a real teacher, and I will not forget him.

**Wayne Winkler** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ A wonderful man I was grateful to know.

**Chet Green** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM