



## Joe J. Vargo

August 31, 1926 - February 17, 2011

Anderson - Joe J. Vargo, 84, Anderson, passed away February 17, 2011 at Community Hospital, Anderson after a brief illness. He was born August 31, 1926 in East Chicago, Indiana, and resided in Anderson. Joe was a 1945 graduate of East Chicago Washington High School and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees as well as his administrator's license from Ball State University. He served his country in the US Army from 1944-1946. Mr. Vargo was a teacher and administrator for Anderson Community Schools, retiring after 34 years of service. He was a member of the American Legion, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Retired Teacher's Association and Monday Morning Breakfast Club. His passion was sports, including coaching football, basketball and wrestling. He is survived by his wife whom he married in 1951, Sara A. Ritter Vargo; daughter, Nancy Vargo; granddaughter, Emma Ford; sister, Julia Jack Hersbach of Crown Point; brother-in-law, Robert Ritter of Fishers; friend, Ray Ward of Colorado; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and Rose Iltich Vargo; siblings, Kathrine Vargo, John Vargo, Louis Vargo, Priscilla Schuster and Mary Buerghler and special friends, Don Pyle and Pete Russo. Cremation will take place. There will be no visitation or services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stepping Stones for Veterans, The Christian Center or the Donor's Choice. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)



# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.  
Marilyn & Jim Moneyhun*

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**Marilyn & Jim Moneyhun** - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Susie & Nancy : Very sorry to hear about Joe. His many contributions in coaching & teaching will be much appreciated in Anderson for years to come. Great times @Panama City Bch. Our thoughts are with your family.*

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**Greg & Sam Price** - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Susie & Nancy Joe was my coach, teacher and friend. He will be missed by all who really knew him. Very sorry for your loss. Dave*

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**Dave Brogdon** - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Dear Susie and Nancy, I was so sorry to hear about Joe. He was a wonderful mentor to me when I was beginning to work in administration, and he taught me how to be fair with students and help them improve but still be strict. My thoughts are with you.*

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**Lucinda McCord** - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Susie, Nancy, Emma, Sue and I are so very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We have the fondest rememberances of Joe in the "old" neighborhood and at school. He was such a respected school administrator and, more importantly, man. Best, Sue, Dick Barnett*

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**Dick, Sue Barnett** - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I wish to offer my deepest condolences and sympathy. For the passing of Mr.Vargo. Mr.Vargo helped me through a very troubled time in my youth. He was a very caring teacher and concerned person as well as an outstanding caring coach. A great person he always cared. I will always treasure these memories. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Mr.Vargo. Gary Baker

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**Gary Baker** - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and Emma

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**Sandy Etchison, Richard McWithey** - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Vargo's passing. He was one of my favorite teachers in high school. He had a pet name for me and he always said it with a smile. May the Lord give peace and comfort to his family and friends.

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**Jack Atwell** - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM