



H. Brent Symon

August 28, 1968 - June 11, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of H. Brent Symon. Brent, at the age of 56, passed away at his home earlier this week. He was a beloved father, brother, son, uncle, godfather, and spouse, and his loss is deeply felt by all who knew him.

Brent is survived by his two daughters, Olyvia and Sophia Symon and his former spouse of twenty-two years, Laura Symon. He also leaves behind his parents, William and Beverly Symon; his sister, Bonni Spencer and her husband Tim; his brother, Brock Symon and his wife, Amanda, along with many cherished aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Brent will be fondly remembered for his incredibly kind heart. He was the best father to his two girls and rarely told them no. He had an unwavering positive attitude and never had a negative word to say about anyone. A man of deep faith, his family takes great comfort in knowing he is now at rest with his Lord and Savior. His gracious, forgiving, and humble nature touched countless lives.

For nearly 35 years, Brent dedicated himself to teaching at St. Benedict and Cedar Hall elementary schools, where he made a significant impact on generations of students. Beyond the classroom, Brent was actively involved in the Bearcat Bash at Cedar Hall, Riding Hope, participated in mission trips with

Salem United Methodist Church and served as a Sunday School teacher. He also shared his passion for sports by watching the Cincinnati Reds and Notre Dame athletics, coaching basketball at St. Ben's and leading the speech team at Cedar Hall.

Brent had a genuine love for the natural world, finding joy in hunting and fishing with his family, gardening, collecting old books and antiques, and generously sharing his knowledge with others. He enjoyed history, visiting museums, genealogy, and decorating graves of family members. He took great pride in establishing the Community Garden at Cedar Hall and his own personal garden, which he lovingly tended each year. His talents also extended to restoring a classic Chevy pickup and meticulously refinishing antique woodwork for the home he built.

An alumnus of Western Kentucky University and Indiana Wesleyan University, Brent was also a proud graduate of St. Bernard Catholic School in Rockport, Indiana, where he spent his childhood. He was active in marching band, basketball, baseball and football at South Spencer High School. Brent was honored with a Teacher of the Year nomination and celebrated as part of the 1983 Indiana State American Legion Baseball Champions.

Let us all remember Brent's example and strive to be humble, kind, gracious, and loving in our interactions with one another, just as he was everyday.

Funeral services for Brent will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Salem United Methodist Church, Rev. LaMont Bonath officiating. Burial will be held at a later date on the family's private cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 6:00 PM on Tuesday at Salem United Methodist Church, 6311 Kratzville Road, Evansville, IN 47710.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riding Hope, Inc. or to the EVSC Foundation, Cedar Hall Community School Gardening Club, 951 Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church
6311 Kratzville Road
Evansville, IN

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ *Mr symon was the best teacher if ever new*

Peyton whittley - July 17, 2025 at 11:16 PM



“ *I baby sat for Brent the first couple of years of his life. I missed getting to know the man he came to be. Knowing his parents it is not surprising he grew into the kind of person that everyone cherished as a friend.*

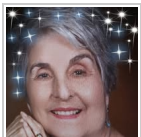
My sympathies to the family. Pam Jochim Moesner

Pamela Moesner - July 02, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MD

We were heart broken to hear of Brent's loss. I will pray for his daughters & you. He was a good man. If you ever need me, do not hesitate to call me, or come & see me. I was always fond of you, Laura. May God bless his soul. May God strengthen you, Olivia & Sophie.

Margaret Douglas - August 14, 2025 at 11:58 PM



“ *Brent was a very nice man. We will miss him.*
With love & prayers to his family.
David R. & Margaret Douglas

Margaret Douglas - June 21, 2025 at 10:44 AM

EM

“ *Mr,Symon was a great teacher he hade taught me so many things in math and etc.he hade so many good storys , I have enjoyed them we will miss you.*

emma - June 19, 2025 at 06:22 PM

AR

“ *A Damm good teacher and a even better man*

Archer - June 18, 2025 at 02:50 AM

CR

“ *Mr. Symon was a great teacher always there for his students and never gave up on them , my 2 older boy had him and my daughter had Mr. Symon when she was in 5th grade and she loved him so much. And it was an honor to have meet Mr. Symon. He will be very missed by so many. Fly high Mr. Symon. From the Robb family*



Cindy and Chevy Robb - June 17, 2025 at 04:50 PM

DM

“ *Mr. Symon was my teacher in, I think, 3rd grade at St. Ben's. He really was a special person. I struggled to focus and behave, but he found a way to connect with me and keep me engaged. I will always remember how kind and understanding he was, which meant a great deal for a kid like me. He may not have understood that he was a hero for me and other kids who struggled to fit in. I'm grateful for the impact he made in our community. Condolences to his family.*

Dane Mehringer - June 17, 2025 at 03:09 PM

LS

Dane, I remember you as a little boy. Mr Symon was in the beginning of his career and loved his St Ben's family!! Thank you for the kind tribute. That means a lot to our family.

Laura Symon - June 18, 2025 at 09:49 AM

RV

“ Brent was a good friend in high school. During those 4 years he was one of the kindest persons I knew. I enjoyed playing sports with him at South Spencer. I remember several of us in his friend group making a large sign out of a white sheet to support him playing legion baseball in the summer of 1987. I am not surprised to hear that he was such a great influence on the kids he taught.

Robin Voyles - June 17, 2025 at 02:41 PM

LS

Thank you Robin. He and his family have been so active at South Spencer and the surrounding community. Brent was a wonderful and Godly man and is missed by so many people. Thank you for sharing this memory!

Laura Symon - June 18, 2025 at 09:52 AM

FH

“ Prayers for Brent and for all of you



FrJason Harris - June 17, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of H. Brent Symon.



June 17, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of H. Brent Symon.

June 17, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. Love sent from the Campbell family---Cheryl, Tom,Brian, Nancy, Nathan, Andrew,.Kelly Rector, Eric Rector, and Lucas. (Deb is my sister)

Cheryl Blacburn Campbell - June 16, 2025 at 11:40 PM



“ Love, Salem Preschool purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of H. Brent Symon.



Love, Salem Preschool - June 16, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ I worked with Brent at Hope Riding he was my side walker . He was so fun . He will be missed . So sorry for the families lost.
Kathy Lutterbach

Kathy Lutterbach - June 16, 2025 at 10:55 AM



Thank you so much for attending the visitation yesterday. He enjoyed Riding Hope, you, the other volunteers, and the kids he got to know.

Laura Symon - June 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of H. Brent Symon.*



June 16, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *He was an amazing teacher at Cedar Hall. He was patient, kind and so great at meeting kids where they were. He’s one of those teachers that really helped me see my potential. I’ll never forget him.*

Holly Robling - June 15, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ *8 Wally purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of H. Brent Symon.*



8 Wally - June 15, 2025 at 07:03 AM



“ *Brent was one of my first childhood friends in Grandview. Our families vacationed together and we had great times as kids. He was always kind, friendly and caring. We grew apart when I moved but I will never forget what a special person he was. Not surprised he inspired so many young people as a teacher.*

Scott Wandel - June 14, 2025 at 09:59 PM

CG

“ I worked with Brent at Cedar Hall. He was an absolutely amazing teacher. He worked unbelievable magic in his classroom with each and every student.

Brent inspired us all - he understood kids. He zeroed in on each student's strengths.

I was a better educator having worked with him. Brent had the amazing ability to unlock the potential in each and every student.

Rest in peace, Brent. The Cedar Hall community is going to miss you like crazy!!

Cathy Gray - June 14, 2025 at 08:35 PM

LS

Cathy, you are the reason that Brent was hired at Cedar Hall. You were his first administrator! The transition from private to public school was hard for him the first two years. And then he absolutely loved it. He loved the staff, he loved the kids, and he felt like this was his mission to teach at that school. Thank you so much for giving him a start. He thought the world of you and the kids in that school.

Laura Symon - June 15, 2025 at 09:21 AM

MB

“ First, I'm so very sorry to all family and friends for your loss.. I was also a student of Mr. Symons in 4th and 5th grade at Cedar Hall. I've always said that he was my favorite teachers. I remember having an earning system of some sort where you got bucks to spend on small toys, pencils, notebooks, etc. Or you could save them up to go out to lunch with Mr. Symon. That's what I used my bucks for. I'm 33 now and I'll always remember going to McDonald's and having a special lunch with him and a couple other students. ❤️ Rest in Heaven Mr. Symon.

Megan Biber - June 14, 2025 at 01:15 PM

ED

So sad he was a good teacher my kids had him also so sad rip

Erica Duncan - June 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM

HM

“ *I just got to know Brent this year. I went to the Indianapolis Boat and Travel Show with him and his dad and then in May we went to Lake Erie to do some Walleye fishing! He was such a joy, and I was looking forward to may more of these trips with he and his dad! Such a shock! Bless the family with love and prayers!*

Harry Metzler - June 14, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JM

“ *Laura, Olyvia, and Sophia,
We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Brent. He was such a wonderful neighbor. He always waved when he drove down the road. He was such a kind person. Brent earned his wings on Earth by doing God's work. May he rest in eternal peace.*

- Jill and Molly Mayo



Jill and Molly Mayo - June 14, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LS

We love you Jill and Molly ❤️

Laura Symon - June 15, 2025 at 09:23 AM

KD

“ He was my best friend and will always be

Mr Symon was my math teacher in elementary school. I would go to his classroom every morning before school started . To talk to him and give him some updates on things. I would help him set up for the Bearcat Bash. Every year because he put so much time and effort. To pull it off and of course it was a success everytime. I will cherish these moments that I have had with him.

Kameryn Dix - June 14, 2025 at 03:58 AM

LS

Kameryn, Mr Symon appreciated all of your hard work each year on the Bear Cat Bash. He thought you were pretty cool and enjoyed seeing you grow up. You're going to hurt for awhile, and it's okay to hurt and grieve AND remember all of the good times you had with him. We will be in touch with you and your Mom! ❤️

Laura Symon - June 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JB

“ I would just like to send my condolences for the familys loss. Mr. Symon was a former teacher of mine in the 4th & 5th grade and also taught my brother. I'm now 35 he made a hugh impact on all of our lives at Cedar Hall

Elementary. I was just talking about him and Ms. Ocker to a friend a couple days ago. On how much them two teachers out of every teacher I ever had cared more then the others. He always took time to listen to our needs and what was going on at home or just mentally and physically. Mr. Symon really did have a heart for teaching and standing up for his students. He truly believed in every one of them. He was definitely one of a kind and will be deeply missed. I'll be praying for your family.



Jessica Brooks - June 14, 2025 at 12:10 AM

KB

I was one of the school bus drivers at Cedar Hall. I will always remember him for his kindness to everyone.

Karen Borst - June 14, 2025 at 09:39 AM

CW

“ *I am 25 years old now- but Mr Simon was my 4th grade math teacher. I was something of a lost cause - but he never stopped trying with me. One of the few teachers I fondly remember.*

Cory Webster - June 13, 2025 at 11:37 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Symon was my teacher over 20 years ago at Cedar Hall. I loved him. I was in after school day care and I really didn't like it. He would let me stay after school in his room to help “clean up”. I really just pushed in all of the chairs to the desks. I spent the rest of the time coloring on his dry erase board and playing games on one of his computers. He would let me stay until he left for the day and he always gave me candy for “helping”. He was so kind!*

During class, if the office called and asked for a student to report to the office to leave early - Mr. Symon did a golf swing in the air and would say “you're out of here”. We thought that was hilarious LOL. He was a great man and I have such fond memories of him!

Mallory Meeks - June 13, 2025 at 11:31 PM

ST

“ I just want to stop by here and pay my respects. I am 34 years old and has Mr. Symon as my teacher for 4th grade and then he moved up with that whole class to 5th the next year and we all loved him so much! That entire class of students that graduated high school in 09 sends their condolences to this family and wants them to know this man was truly a positive impact on every life he taught! Personally I was a new scared kid that barely spoke and he took notice! He had a heart of gold and one of those warming bubbly fun uncle kind of personalities that made you feel safe from the min he introduced himself! He changed my life. I had a pretty rough upbringing and he caught onto that rather quickly he offered guidance and support and truly changed my life forever! If any of you were blessed enough to see the big butterfly balloon he used to tape to the window of his classroom and hang up? That was mine. He told me that after I graduated for as long as he could he would hang it where when I came by the school I could look up and remember that there is hope and to hold on! Better days were coming! 😭 my heart breaks for the ones who knew this amazing man their entire lives because I had him as a teacher for two years and my hearts hurting tonight hearing this. This man was inspirational to say the least! Lighting a candle tonight and talking with God to let my fav teacher know I NEVER GAVE UP! I kept going and because of him I'm an amazing mother to my 3 babies! Honestly if I hadn't met him and if he wasn't HIM like he was? I would have never made it to see the 6th grade! Thank you and Rest with God now. We all love you Mr.Symon!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

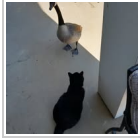


Samantha Thomas - June 13, 2025 at 11:26 PM

LS

God bless you for such a kind remembrance. I remember him talking about your class. He would be so proud of you...you made it, and never gave up ❤️

Laura Symon - June 14, 2025 at 12:01 AM



“ Not only did we have many afterschool chats while he was finishing up for the day and I was cleaning his room, I also worked closely with him on the Bearcat Bash for 5 years. He was always so excited and appreciative of the donations I was able to get. Those Cedar Hall kids meant the world to him. This is just the saddest news. My heart aches for his family.

Leeann Graham - June 13, 2025 at 11:24 PM

LG

“ Leanne Graham lit a candle in memory of H. Brent Symon



Leanne Graham - June 13, 2025 at 11:17 PM

KF

“ He was my favorite teacher and he helped me get through a lot of stuff. I'm going into sixth grade, he was my teacher last year. I will NEVER forget him.

Kyah Lynn felton - June 13, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ Mr Symon was a great teacher and guy I loved being your student

Camille Simmons - June 13, 2025 at 08:35 PM

LC

Me symon was the best teacher for math he helped me with math and with my emotions

logan cahill - June 13, 2025 at 10:09 PM

KF

He was a GREAT teacher, I'll dearly miss him.

Kyah Lynn felton - June 13, 2025 at 10:13 PM

MT

“ Thank you being a light and inspiration to the kiddos at Cedar Hall. Rest Easy, Mr. Symon



Misti Torres - June 13, 2025 at 07:55 PM

AH

“ He was such a great person and fun to work with and always had the biggest heart. He loved his kids at school. He will be truly missed Cedar Hall just lost a great Teacher. I am so sorry for your loss.



Amanda Hollingsworth - June 13, 2025 at 07:43 PM

AM

“ One of the best and most understanding teachers I've ever had, rest well Mr Simon.

amhj - June 13, 2025 at 07:04 PM

MA

“ Mr. Symon was one of my favorite teachers. Everyday I would into school and see the biggest smile on his face. I had never seen him mad or upset. This breaks my heart knowing I won't he won't be there next year to brighten up my day and make the school day just a bit easier. Rest easy Mr. Symon 🕊️

Maddie - June 13, 2025 at 07:02 PM

CB

“ My first teacher in Evansville was Mr. Symon. He was an amazing teacher and I met my bestfriend in his class. I remember bringing mints to class once (we aren't supposed too) and he came up to me and said if you're gonna hide them at least give me one and he took one. He was an amazing man, who passed to soon. He will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Mr. Symon.



Chloe Barnett - June 13, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SA

“ Hi I'm sadie and I was in his 5th grade class two year ago and that man was amazing he really changed my life and I always tell him good morning every morning and I really enjoyed being in his class next year would never be the same thank you so much for an amazing year we love you so much RIP Mr Symon

Sadie - June 13, 2025 at 06:54 PM

ED

“ So sorry for the family loss my kids had him at cedar halls there 30 n 29 n 26 years old now

Erica A duncan - June 13, 2025 at 06:42 PM

ED

“ Erica A Duncan lit a candle in memory of H. Brent Symon



Erica A duncan - June 13, 2025 at 06:40 PM