



## Jimmy L. Rausch

May 17, 1922 - February 22, 2009

Jimmy L. Rausch, 86, of Evansville died Sunday, February 22, 2009 at Deaconess Hospital.

Jim was born May 17, 1922 in Cincinnati, OH to Norma and Johnny Rausch was raised by his mother and step-father, Gilbert Benkert. He retired from the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation in 1982. His career started as a teacher and football coach at Bosse High School and he later became the first basketball coach at North High School. In 1967, his team won the Indiana High School State Basketball Championship and he was named the Indiana Coach of the Year. Jim was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1994.

Jim graduated from Reitz High School in 1940 where he was an all-city performer in basketball and football. He then graduated from George Washington University where he lettered in four sports. As a senior, in 1947, he was the basketball team captain and an All-Southern Conference selection.

Jim was a Captain in the United States Marine Corps., serving in World War II and Korea.

Jim was a life-long member of St. Lucas United Church of Christ and the Car-

Wil-Wal Class. He was a member of the Quarterback Club and one of the founders of the Huddleback Club where he enjoyed the fellowship of his many friends. Jim also served on the board of the Roberts Stadium Foundation and as director of Tupman Cemetery.

Surviving Jim are his wife of 60 years, Mary Ann (Dyke) Rausch; his son Jeff (Phyllis) of Brownsburg, IN; daughter, Judy Davidson (Andy) of Evansville; grandsons, Adam (Erin) Rausch, Nathan (Danielle) Rausch, Nick (Sara) Davidson and Todd Huber and great grandson, Emmett Davidson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Tommy in 1975.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Lucas United Church of Christ, 33 W. Virginia Street, Rev. Lynn Martin officiating. Burial will follow in Tupman Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and again on Thursday from 10:00 A.M. until service time at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Lucas United Church of Christ.

Friends and family may leave condolences online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pierre Funeral Home

2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 25. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

FEB 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lucas United Church of Christ  
33 W. Virginia Street  
Evansville, IN

## Service

FEB 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lucas United Church of Christ  
33 W. Virginia Street  
Evansville, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ Jimmy L. Rausch

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Jim Rausch was our Coach at North High School. I was a freshman when North went to State and my Mom did not want me to go. Coach told her to let me go as it would be a once in a lifetime memory. Because of him, I actually have those memories. Jimmy Rausch went to Reitz with my Mom. I send my deepest condolences to his wife and children and family. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Linda Alvers##imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 10:31 PM



“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Coach Rausch's family on their loss. Coach Rausch was a very caring and accomplished educator and coach who touched many students' lives through the years. Winning or losing, he never lost his temper or sight of the need to serve as a leader and example to the young men on his teams. And, what marvelous memories all of us will always have of that State Championship Season! Fondly, George Conley, Charlotte, NC##imported-begin##George M. Conley##imported-end##

February 26, 2009 at 01:50 PM



“ Rest in peace Coach and thanks for the life long lessons.##imported-begin##Keith Bobbitt##imported-end##

February 25, 2009 at 10:59 AM



“ MARY ANN, JUDY AND JEFF,  
PLEASE KNOW OUR FAMILY WAS BLESSED BY THIS GREAT  
MAN, THIS POEM WAS WRITTEN BY MY SISTER CHRISTINA  
FOR MY GRANDPA PARKIE, I TOO ,AM 1 TINY LEAF OUR THIS  
GREAT MAN'S FAMILY TREE, MY GRANDPA PARKIE SHARED  
MANY GREAT TIMES WITH JIMMY BEING HIS COUSIN AND  
BOTH BEING BORN IN 1922, AND GRADUATION ,AND  
RETIREMENT, I'M SURE GRANDPA WOULD WANT US TO  
SHARE THIS TOO WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, I LOVE YOU  
DEARLY AND JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW WERE ALWAYS  
HERE!!  
PARKIES SIDE OF  
THE FAMILY  
WHAT MAKES A GREAT MAN?  
A GREAT MAN; GOES TO WAR FOR OUR FREEDOM;  
A GREAT MAN; SACRIFICES ALL HIS NEEDS;  
A GREAT MAN; SHARES HIS KNOWLEDGE WITH PATIENCE  
AND ENCOURAGES HIS UNDERGRADS TO ACHIEVE;  
A GREAT MAN; GIVES HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, AFFECTION  
AND UNDERSTANDING; AND IT SINGS IN PERFECT HARMONY.  
SEE , THIS GREAT IS MY GRANDFATHER.  
SO, HOW VERY BLESSED AM I?  
TO HAVE WALKED AND LISTENED TO THE WORDS OF  
WISDOM FROM THIS PATIENT, LOVING, GREAT GUY.  
ALL THE LOVE, AND ALL THE WISDOM THIS GREAT MAN  
SHARED WITH ME,  
MAKES ME PROUD TO BE A TINY LEAF UPON THIS {GREAT  
MAN'S} FAMILY TREE.  
THIS TOO REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF MY UNCLE JIMMY.  
LOVE, KIMMY AND FAMILY  
CHARLENE AND FAMILY, CHAD AND FAMILY, MATT AND  
FAMILY, CARRIE AND FAMILY,  
PARKIE'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY##imported-begin##KIMMIE  
{PARKINSON} VANDERVEER##imported-end##

---

February 25, 2009 at 01:10 AM



“ Dear Judy and family,  
I was so sorry to hear about your Dad, please know you are in my thoughts during this time.

Love,  
Lee Ann##imported-begin##Lee Ann Pyer Deason##imported-end##

---

February 24, 2009 at 10:39 PM



“ I want to let the family know how much I was saddened to hear of Mr. Rausch's passing. He was not only a teacher of mine at North High School, but helped shape my future as well. He did this by giving me private driving lessons after I got hand controls for a car my parents bought me. You see, back in the 70's children w/ disabilities did not have the resources available to them to learn to drive.

But after equipping my own car w/ hand controls, Mr. Rausch graciously gave his time (and patience) to teach me to drive on his OWN time. That is a gift I could never repay and am forever grateful. It gave me such a feeling of independence it's hard to express. You will always be one of my "heroes" Mr. Rausch. May you rest in peace.

Sincerely, Steve Sublett##imported-begin##Steve Sublett##imported-end##

---

February 24, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ TO THE RAUSCH FAMILY

*I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE DEATH OF MR RAUSCH. I WAS A STUDENT AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL AND WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE YEAR HE TOOK THE BASKETBALL TEAM ALL THE WAY TO STATE. HE WAS SUCH A QUIET MAN AND ALL THE STUDENTS HAD GREAT RESPECT FOR HIM. HE EVEN TAUGHT ME HOW TO DRIVE! GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. THOUGHTS AND PRAYER ARE WITH YOU.*

*CATHY HAMMERSTEIN CLASS OF 1969##imported-begin##CATHY HAMMERSTEIN##imported-end##*

---

February 24, 2009 at 03:25 PM



“ *Mr. Rausch was my first coach on the initial North High School Cub football team. The lessons he taught us on teamwork, fairness, hardwork and dedication are lessons and qualities I have remembered and followed as a guide throughout my life.*

*May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Ron Nelson##imported-end##*

---

February 24, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ It is my prayer that the Lord will be with the family of Coach Jim Rausch, and his extended family, as we celebrate his life and mourn his death. Coach Rausch was a beacon to thousands of young people who needed a positive role model and are better today for having known him. I, as a member of the North High School Class of 1961, thank the Rausch family for sharing him with those of us in his extended family who needed the vision he provided us for the future.##imported-begin##James Dalton Culpepper##imported-end##

---

February 24, 2009 at 11:35 AM



“ Dear Maryann, I am struggling for the words to tell you how saddened I am to learn of your loss. Jim was definitely one of the best men I have ever known. I will treasure my memories of him and with you. As you know we spent many hours together at the cemetery, but I also got to hear many stories from him and the other guys when I would sit in at the Car-Wil-Wal class. Also I would like to give you both a lot of credit in helping me with my spiritual development both as a child and when I came back to St. Lucas as an adult. Jim was truly a special person and I along with many others will miss him sorely. I know for certain he is with Jesus right now. We want you to know we are praying for you and that we love you very much.

John, Angie, Joey and Jake Conner##imported-begin##john and angie conner and family##imported-end##

---

February 23, 2009 at 09:52 PM



“ *Mary Ann, Jeff and Judy,  
I recieved this terrible news today via email while in Los Angeles. I can't think of any of our family frinds that go back further than the Rausches. From Mary Ann helping me to get over poison ivy as my school nurse at Henry Ries in 1963 to Jim trying to help Alan and I be better basketball players - as well as better men, and of course the fun times we had growing up with Jeff and Judy, we certainly have a lot of wonderful memories.*

*I won't be able to get back there for the service but want you to know that you are in our prayers. We know how important friends and family are at this time and remember your support when we lost mom and dad a few years ago. We will all certainly miss Mr. Rausch.##imported-begin##Scott & Elisabeth Billingsley##imported-end##*

---

February 23, 2009 at 08:03 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of coach Rausch.*

*To a great coach and mentor for young men.*

*Thanks always.##imported-begin##Preston Smith##imported-end##*

---

February 23, 2009 at 05:06 PM



“ My heart aches for you and I will keep you in my prayers. Mr. Rausch was the sweetest person and so dedicated to his players. I remember one time he saw me crying outside of Bosse High School and he came over and asked what was wrong and if he could help. When I told him that my boyfriend had just broken up with me and he asked his name. When I told him his name he told me that I didn't know how lucky I was. I have always wanted to tell him that he was right on and to thank him.  
My Mom says that he grew up by them in the West Side. She was one of the Smith girls in Tekopple.##imported-begin##Glenda Romine DuBois##imported-end##

---

February 23, 2009 at 04:51 PM



“ Mr. Rausch was my homeroom teacher for 3 years at North, and my gym teacher in 1975, he was a great person, and he will be greatly missed by all those he touched through out his life##imported-begin##vicky craney##imported-end##

---

February 23, 2009 at 12:18 PM



“ Jim was a good friend of mine and of my parents (Ruth and Jim Myers) In their later years, they went on many a trip together via car,air, or cruise. He was a wonder person, great friend, and will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to Mary Ann and Jim's entire family. We will miss you!  
Barbara Myers (Winchester)##imported-begin##Barbara Myers (Winchester) ##imported-end##

---

February 23, 2009 at 11:56 AM



“ *Mary Ann,*

*My heart goes out to you and your family during this time. Please know that you are in my prayers.*

*God Bless,*

*Don Patton##imported-begin##Don Patton##imported-end##*

---

February 23, 2009 at 10:16 AM