



# Verl Arthur Oberlin

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**V**erl Arthur Oberlin, 93, of New Haven died on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Kingston Residence of Fort Wayne. Born on August 8, 1918 in Butler, he was the son of the late King and Lula Oberlin. He received degrees from Ball State Teachers College and Saint Francis University. He taught school for 42 years, 31 of which were at New Haven High School and had formerly taught at Butler High School. Verl was a member of the National Education Association and Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He was an Army Air Corp. veteran of WWII and served as Lieutenant Colonel for the 95th bomb squadron. He was a member of American Legion Post 47 and Howard Bandelier VFW Post 2457. He was also a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church, where he served as a teacher and choir member for many years.

He is survived by his children, Mary (Marvin) Petersen of Wickenburg, Ariz., James (Marta) Oberlin of Alamink, Penn., Joseph (Cindy) Oberlin of New Haven, and Thomas (Marie) Oberlin of Woodburn; brother, Duane Oberlin of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife, Prudence in 1997; and son John in 2010.

Funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday, February 13, 2012 at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Chaplain Robin LaRue officiating. Calling is 12 to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 12, 2012 at the funeral home. Burial is in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven with military honors. Preferred memorials are to New Haven United Methodist Church.



## Tribute Wall

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WH

**William Hathaway, Md** posted:

Verl was a very caring teacher, and a great sponsor of our high school class at Butler, Ind. He came from a strong family and had been a real asset to the community. I am thankful to have been influenced by him. I remember him coming to the school in his uniform of WWII.

March 28 at 11:04 AM

JD

**Jean Ann Dennie** posted:

to Mary, It is always sad to lose a parent. I miss my mother every day and will never adjust to the fact that she isn't with me anymore. My love to you at your loss. Jean Ann Dennie

March 28 at 11:04 AM

CT

**Cathy Lynch Trowbridge** posted:

Mr. Oberlin was the best guidance counselor ever! He was always so sweet and compassionate. He gave great advice and I respected him immensely. May God give his family peace during this difficult time. RIP Mr. Oberlin :)

March 28 at 11:04 AM

ES

**Elaine Snyder** posted:

To the Oberlin family: Your father was a fine man whom I respected and admired. He and your mother were good friends of my parents, Ivandale and Helen. Mr. Oberlin will be missed, but so grateful he is now at the Heavenly Banquet. Blessings to you all, Elaine Snyder

March 28 at 11:04 AM

BB

**Bill And Betsy Brotherton** posted:

We have enjoyed being with Verl many times in the last 50 plus years. He was a vital part of our Sunday School class. He was so proud of his Christian heritage when he brought his Mom with him. When the Methodist Men had their Father-Son banquets each year, Verl would ask Bill to take one of his sons as Bill's sons were quite young at that time. What a Christian influence this man had on his school students and family.

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NS

**Nathalie Savard** posted:

Mr.Oberlin, spoke at my Graduation,in 1983,,he always had a smile on his face,whenever he greeted you in the hallway,,that's when we found out,he was retiring,those that was to be the last graduating class he would be speaking at,he said how proud,he was of us,and what we had accomplished,,there will be no one like Mr.Oberlin,there won't be another one with a sense of humor like his either,I will Miss him,He Was a Special Person,I am Honored to have known him,while I was at New Haven High School..God Bless You,Mr.Oberlin,May you Rest in Peace..

March 28 at 11:04 AM

AW

**Arthur Wilson** posted:

Condolences to your family. I graduated in 1952 and your father taught me to be a better person and the person I am today. I had a lot of respect and love for your father.

March 28 at 11:04 AM

JH

**Jane Helton** posted:

Mr. Oberlin was a great teacher at New Haven.The business classes were my favorite. My sincere sympathy to the family.Jane (Peters) Helton - Class of 1963

March 28 at 11:04 AM

MR

**MaryIn (Blaising) Rose** posted:

How well I remember Mr. Oberlin at New Haven High School. I too say that he surely was a favorite teacher of mine.

March 28 at 11:04 AM

JE

**Joan Eichhorn** posted:

I will never forget working as a hospice nurse and being assigned to take care of Prue. From the very first visit I could see the total love and devotion Verl had for his wife. What an unselfish man he was. Even after he had heart surgery he was more worried about Prue than himself! My heart goes out to the Oberlin family in there loss of this noble, witty, great man. Thoughts and prayers with you. R.I.P. sweet Verl

December 9 at 8:00 PM



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