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Dr. Daryl R. Yost passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 21, 2020 at Lutheran Rehabilitation Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio he was the son of the late Abram and Treva (Rhoades) Yost. He was a member of Grabill Missionary Church. He retired in 2006 after a fulfilling career in education. He received his undergraduate degree from Manchester College in 1958. He also received his M.A. in 1962 and an Ed. D. in educational leadership in 1969, both from Ball State University. Daryl had teaching experience in Richmond, Kokomo, and Fort Wayne Community Schools. He served as an administrator in the Fort Wayne Community Schools, and an assistant superintendent in the Northern Wells and East Allen Community Schools. He served as the East Allen Community Schools superintendent from 1973-1982. In July 1983, he was named a senior administrator with Taylor University in Upland, IN. Until his retirement from Taylor University in 2006, he served in a number of positions including Vice President, Acting President, and Provost/Executive Vice President.

He served on several Board of Directors including United Way of Ft. Wayne and Allen County, Ft. Wayne Zoological Society, Ft. Wayne/Allen County Education Foundation, Arthur and Mary Blasing Social Service Agency, United Way of Grant County, Grant County Economic Development Council, Grant County Chamber of Commerce, Marion General Hospital – Marion, Lael Scholarship Fund, Taylor University Broadcasting, Minnestrista Cultural Center – Muncie, William Taylor Foundation, A Hope Center, Visiting Nurse Foundation, Stop Child Abuse and Neglect – SCAN, Turnstone, Lutheran Health Network, Ft. Wayne Philharmonic, Heart of the City Foundation, Visiting Nurse Foundation, Friends of Allen County Juvenile Justice. He also served on the University of St. Francis Business Education Council, the legislative committee for the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, was a committee member for Strategic Planning in Grant County, Governor Daniel's Commission on Judicial Appointments and Qualifications, the Community Advisory Council for School of Arts and Sciences – IPFW, Advisory Council for both Trine University's School of Health Sciences and Huntington



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University's School of Occupational Therapy and the Community Advisory Committee for School of Social Work, Governor Pence's State Ethics Commission, and the Ball State University Advisory Board Teachers College. He was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash and most recently honored with the Ernestine M. Raclin Community Leadership Award by First Source Bank.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Kay Novotny-Yost; children, Brian (Marlene) Yost of Sarasota, FL, Kent (Janice) Yost of Upland, and Lana (Trace) Roth of Findlay, OH; siblings, Dwayne (Elaine) Yost of Manchester, KY, Marlen (Lynn) Yost of Celina, OH, Barbara Neidig of Plymouth, and Bonnie (Dale) Bowser of Eaton, OH; and eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Joenita (Funderburg) Yost in 2004.

Visitations is 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St., Grabill. Masks are required. Private services will be held for the family. Burial will be in the Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington. Preferred memorials are to The Daryl and Joenita Yost Endowed Scholarship Fund at Taylor University or the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Arrangements by Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven.




Events


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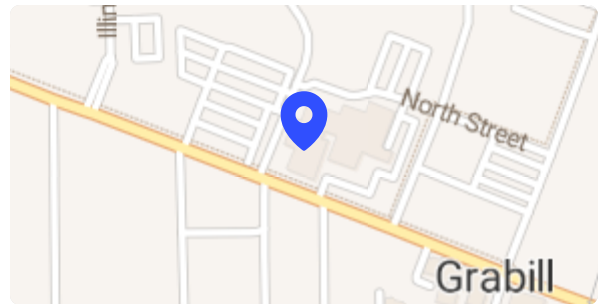
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Visitation


 **Tuesday**, August 25, 2020

 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

 **Grabill Missionary**
13637 State Street, Grabill IN

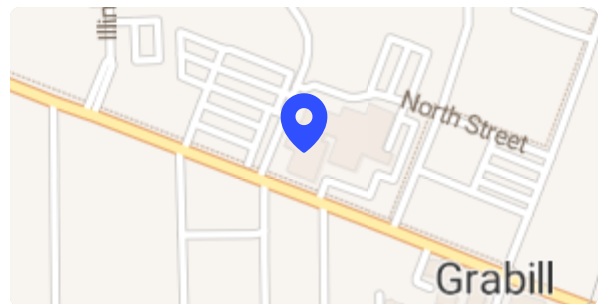


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GC

Gary And Kim Cooper posted:

To the Yost family: We send our sympathies to you all during the unexpected loss of Dr. Yost. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Gary and Kim Cooper

August 27 at 4:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket to the Yost family.



August 26 at 5:32 AM

JH

Joyce Helyer posted:

Dear Yost Family: I was so blessed to have the opportunity to work with Daryl during my Taylor University career. Daryl hired me in 1985 and I still remember his being named Acting President within two weeks of my hiring. He mentored me and helped direct me to challenging positions at the University. His counsel and insight was always appreciated. He helped me to step into new positions and I am forever grateful. His desire to please the Lord and to be faithful in what God had called him to do was so apparent to me. Larry and I saw Daryl off and on after our retirement and we always enjoyed catching up with each other at the FEC Annual Conferences we attended. His work ethic and commitment to helping others was outstanding. Larry and I are so grateful to God for our friendship with Daryl. Our deepest sympathy to all of you.--Larry and Joyce Helyer, Mt. Juliet, TN

August 25 at 2:09 PM

AN

Angela Nevers posted:

Dear Kay I am so sorry for your loss. This world has lost a wonderful human being but heaven gained a special angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

August 25 at 5:55 AM

SY

Steve Yarnell posted:

I was fortunate to get to know grandpa Daryl by being two of his granddaughter's volleyball coach at Bluffton University. Daryl was such a positive and kind soul who was very proud to support and watch his grandchildren grow as people. It was good to get to talk with him and reconnect with him. What a legacy Daryl left! Many hugs and prayers to the family. Steve Yarnell

August 25 at 5:26 AM



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Tracy Shellabarger posted:

I first met Daryl while we both served on the board at Turnstone. He was so very kind to me from that day onward, never failing to smile and ask about my family while seemingly hanging on my every word. The more I got to know Daryl, the more impressed i was with his energy and true compassion for others. What an amazing world we would live in if half of us did as much for our community as Daryl consistently did for his! I miss him very much already. His was a life well lived.

August 24 at 12:11 PM



Bill Anthis posted:

BILL AND PAT ANTHIS EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.

August 24 at 11:31 AM



Jennifer Sommers posted:

Daryl was a kind and generous man. He always showed genuine interest in my growth, both personally and professionally. He will be dearly missed. My sincerest sympathies. Jennifer Neher Sommers

August 24 at 10:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Yost family.

August 24 at 9:24 AM



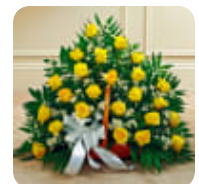
Anonymous sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the Yost family.

August 24 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket to the Yost family.

August 24 at 9:19 AM





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GH

George S Haines And Jane Haines posted:

My association with Daryl goes back to our teaching days in Richmond, IN. We were hired the same year as new teachers - Daryl at Test Junior High and I was at Nicholson School that fed into Test. We had some of the same students. Daryl has made amazing contributions to the state of Indiana and beyond. He has left the world a better place. One January I worked at the Ft. Wayne campus and stayed with Joenita and Daryl. Family is very important to them and I know you will miss him. May you be comforted with wonderful memories and laughable moments. Blessings to all of you. Jane Hodson Haines - George, too.

August 24 at 7:19 AM

YF

Your Mission Possible Family sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Yost family.



August 24 at 5:24 AM

LB

Linda Buskirk posted:

Daryl Yost lived a life of service, always encouraging others and working to make our community a better place. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

August 23 at 5:02 PM

RS

Rebecca Shearer posted:

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Kay and all of Dr. Yost's family. He was an excellent administrator and a very kind man who really cared about the people who worked for him. We are so sorry for your loss. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Rebecca and Lowell Shearer

August 23 at 1:54 PM

LF

Lew & Joy Curless, Steve & Lisa (Curless '92) Ford sent a Shades of Purple to the Yost family.



August 23 at 12:19 PM



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Marc & Melanie Curless posted:

I was blessed to have worked with Daryl for two years at TUFW. He and Joenita housed Melanie (my wife) for a couple weeks leading up to our wedding, and they were incredibly supportive neighbors for the first years of our marriage. On campus, I sat in several extremely challenging meetings with Daryl, and what I remember is his ability to humbly keep his focus on what was best for the student and the school, even when there were easier, less "painful" options. Many years have passed since then, but his positive influence on Melanie and me has remained in our hearts. Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

August 23 at 11:25 AM



Katharine Scatena posted:

Dear Kay and family, I send my deepest condolences. 'My first encounter with Daryl was when I was first hired. I had to go to the Ad Bldg to sign my contract. That was when the front door was on the Rt 30 highway. I walked into the building, and there was an office right there with the doors open. I heard someone say "Hi Kathy!" I looked at the sign and then asked Vivian Purvis how the superintendent knew me as I had never seen him. She smiled and said, "He knows everyone and will never forget your name." I was so impressed. We all knew him as a wonderful superintendent. We first knew of your marriage one day when the "Southwick Staff was at Triangle Park meeting for lunch. Everyone clapped and was so happy for you both. Big hugs, dear friend! May he rest in peace and may Perpetual Light shine upon him and comfort his family. Kathy Scatena

August 23 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Yost family.



August 22 at 12:41 PM



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JS

Jerry Stover posted:

Dr. Yost was the kind of "boss" everyone dreams of -- Kind, sympathetic, smart, and supportive. He was always quick to write a note or grab your hand to give you congratulations and praise. When you got a pat on the back, you knew you deserved it. I was lucky enough to have taught all three of his children at Leo Jr./Sr. High School. I appreciated the visits he made to my classroom over the years because he was always interested in me as a person as well as an English teacher. I will always remember those quiet conversations. And I could ask without hesitation if he were visiting me as the superintendent or as a parent. He's had so much impact in so many ways on so many people. I am hopeful that he continues to be the model administrator, teacher, citizen, and friend for all those whose lives have been touched by him. Much sympathy and love to his wonderful family. Jerry Elton Stover

August 22 at 12:28 PM



Anonymous sent a Springtime Wishes to the Yost family.



August 22 at 9:04 AM

TL

Twyla Lee posted:

I have often thanked God for the intersection of my life with that of Daryl Yost. He was a great mentor and guide during my 11 years as a Taylor faculty member. I knew his commitment to God and doing things in a godly manner were solid. He could be trusted to be honest, supportive, and challenging. I became a better teacher, administrator, and person because of his influence. May God grant comfort to the family through great memories and assurance of a future reunion in heaven. Gratefully, Twyla Lee

August 22 at 5:55 AM



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SB

Susan Bandt posted:

Such a wonderful, caring man. Genuine, honest, principled, loyal, organized, and loving. He was my boss during his tenure at East Allen County Schools and I spent time with the family in those early ears. He inspired and guided me in becoming, hopefully, an important part of the administrative team. I will always hold all my memories of him close to my heart. Heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends. We are all better having known him. Rest in peace my friend, until we meet again. Susan Bandt

August 21 at 8:29 PM

SR

Serinity Roth December 8 at 5:07 AM

he is my grandpa!!!

KK

Kim Knowles August 25 at 9:40 AM

Mr. Yost's big smile and big hugs reminded me that I was cared for, as a young, international student from the Bahamas, at Taylor University. He was always a tower of support and encouragement; even after I graduated. I remember distinctly getting a protective yet kind phone call, that provided insight into a decision I had to make. My life was changed that day, for the better. I soo appreciated his genuineness. My condolences to his wife, children, family, and all those who admired him, as I did. May his soul rest in peace. Kim Knowles '93 Taylor Alumni

JB

Janette Blomeke August 25 at 5:31 AM

To Kent, Lana & Brian and Families: I was a Leo High School student when your father and mother contacted me about child care for the three of you. It was fun coming into your home and playing games and passing the time until they came home from events or just dinner out. I remember the three of you being very well behaved. After high school I learned your parents were concerned I didn't go on to college. My father was against it. I also learned your father extended an invitation to come work at the EACS Admin. Ofc. if I ever needed a job. I never took them up on any offers but have the highest regard for your parents. You may not remember me as I graduated LHS in 1972. I have been married almost 45 years and have six children and 7 grandchildren. God has been very good to me!! Keeping you all in my prayers. Jan Komanec Blomeke, Ashley IN

JG

John Guingrich August 24 at 11:45 AM

Daryl was a great man. I had the pleasure of getting to know him as a mentor and friend. A man of true servant leadership. His impact was felt across our community and he will be missed. Prayers and thoughts of peace.

KL

Karl R. Lapan August 24 at 9:28 AM

Daryl was a compassionate and caring man who always put people first. His keen intellect, passion for excellence, humility, and community-wide benevolence was felt by all who came in contact with him. He will be missed by me and all of the members of the NIIC family.



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SB

CD

Charles Dunn August 24 at 9:05 AM

My brother in Christ. Had many good times together while studying God's word and fellowship in the Bridgebuilders Class at Grabill Missionary. Prayers to all the family. Charles Dunn

BC

Bert Chapman August 23 at 12:19 PM

Becky and I want to extend our sympathies and prayers to Daryl's family. He leaves a wonderful legacy of service and accomplishment at Taylor University and we are particularly grateful for his collaborative relationship with Bert's mother Dr. Mildred Chapman and his support for Bert's brother Brent Chapman when Brent worked at Taylor.

KC

Karen Christopher August 22 at 8:37 AM

Dr Yost gave me my first interview before being hired to East Allen County Schools . He was so happy that Mr Wahlig hired me . He was a kind and caring friend to all . As everyone knew he would know your name, your family's names and make you feel important. Dr Yost you will truly be missed . Prayers to all your family , Peace be with you all .

TA

Tammy Allen August 22 at 8:17 AM

Daryl was a man of character and poured into so many lives. I had the pleasure of working with him at Northeast Indiana Innovation Center. We became fast friends. He will be greatly missed. Truly heaven's gain. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family and all who were blessed by his presence in their lives. Tammy Allen

TK

Thomas Kneller August 22 at 6:25 AM

Dear Kay-Daryl was A good man and a fantastic East Allen County Schools superintendent. He seemed to know the names of each staff person. My thoughts are with you, Kay, and the families. Peace be with you.Thomas Kneller

GS

Gretchen Shellabarger August 22 at 5:16 AM

My life was enriched by knowing Daryl. He truly had a love of the Lord and love for his community. I am so sad to hear of his passing. He will be missed by so many. Thought and prayers for his family. Gretchen Shellabarger

GM

Gina (Brown) Mock August 22 at 3:56 AM

Lana,So sorry for your loss. I remember well coming to your home and how your mom and dad where always welcoming. Saying prayers for your family.

CA

Christopher Adams August 22 at 3:51 AM

Truly a man of God who could make anyone feel like they're the most important person in the room. He always had time to talk, ask how you were doing, and give advice. And he genuinely wanted to know what was going on in your life. Praying for his family that they may sense God's peace and presence at this time. Dr. Yost you will truly be missed. Christopher Adams



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daryl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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