



Carl "Max" Hutchison

June 1, 1936 - July 27, 2024

We bid farewell to our dad, Carl "Max" Hutchison, who departed from this world on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at the age of 88 after surviving several health issues later in life. He was kind, a leader of strength, caring, and a shining light of love. Everyone who met Max was better for having known him – his absence leaves a void in our hearts.

Max was a talented athlete who pitched for the Indiana State Sycamores. For many of you, you only knew him as a teacher and coach for 39 years, but, if not for an injury, he was well on his way to being a Major League Pitcher for the Pirates or Cubs. Max was passionate about math and always had THINK displayed on his desk. He wanted to coach and mentor his knowledge to others for their future success, whether it was math, golf, basketball, etc. His talents were endless including his hobbies of golf and fishing, there was nothing he could not build or fix, and he was always willing to help. He also loved his 19th Hole outings with his golf buddies. Max positively impacted all those with whom he interacted with his upbeat personality, quick wit, and caring spirit. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth and kindness – he will be truly missed.

Max's loving spirit is carried on by his wife, Clarice; their children, Dirk Hutchison (Lee), David Hutchison (Angela), and Beth Hawthorne (David), along with four grandchildren: Kyle, Steven, Abigail, and Logan, and six great-grandchildren: Sadie, Wyatt, Hazel, Cooper, Dawson, and Hanes. Preceding him in peace were his parents, Carl and Myrtle.

To commemorate his remarkable life and the memories we cherish, a memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 2 p.m. until the time of memorial service at 3 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. We welcome all who knew him to join us in celebrating the life of a man who was loved deeply and will be missed. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Heart Association in Max's name. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ During my tenure as Asst. Superintendent and Superintendent of Merrillville Schools, I was so fortunate to have worked with many outstanding teachers and staff. When I first came to Merrillville, Max and Clarice were firmly established as strong teachers with wonderful reputations among fellow teachers as well as students and especially, parents.

Max was known clearly as a demanding, yet fair, teacher of Mathematics. I received feedback from many Merrillville graduates that while they worked hard for him in their classes with him, they were so grateful because they felt so well prepared for their college math classes. In fact, it was common to hear from Merrillville grads stating how amazed they were to see college classmates from other Indiana high schools struggle so much compared to them having been prepared by Max.

I will always consider Max to be part of a cadre of teachers at Merrillville HS that for decades were primarily responsible for the great academic, and athletic, reputation of MHS.

I will always retain fond memories and great admiration for having worked with such dedicated and professional teachers as Max and Clarice.

Dr. Tony Lux

Tony Lux - September 13, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl "Max" Hutchison.



September 06, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ my condolences to the Hutchison family.

I was lucky that my MHS locker was directly across from Mr. Hutchison's classroom. With this, and because he had taught both my older sisters, he spoke to me practically every day of my MHS years. I can't recall all the nicknames he had for me, but "Crutch" and "Splash" come to mind. And I still don't know how, but come every Monday he knew what had happened among the students over the weekend.

Yet, the thing about him that stood out most was his sincere and deep care for the students - and not just the ones in his classroom, all MHS students. And we will always remember his audacity to encourage us youngsters to THINK!

*Rest in Peace, Mr. Hutchison.
- Mike Lesniak, MHS Class of '88*

Mike Lesniak - September 04, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JP

“ *Max and Clarice and their children were wonderful neighbors. When my mom and dad moved in across the street from them, they made them feel welcome. Max gave my dad some good advice about lawn care and maintenance and Clarice always brought over a cherry cobbler on Christmas. May he rest in peace.*

Jimmy Procter - August 26, 2024 at 08:59 PM

BE

Thank you Jimmy for your kind words. I fondly remember your family who was always so nice to me.

Beth - August 30, 2024 at 08:53 AM

CS

“ *Mr. Hutchison was the best math teacher. I wish my kids could have had a teacher like him. He was my favorite teacher of all time.*

Christine C Sprecher - August 25, 2024 at 03:32 PM

MS

“ *Max was such a kind colleague at MHS. He was always the gentleman wether dealing with coworkers or students. I always heard the kids say he was tough but fair. Wish there were more teachers like him around today.*

Maggie Stallings - August 24, 2024 at 02:19 PM

KK

“ *Thank you, Mr. Hutchinson for believing in me. You not only taught Math, you taught me to believe in myself. Whenever I see Mr. Nabhan, you are always a topic of conversation. You touched a lot of lives, and we will be forever grateful that we had such a caring teacher. Sorry for all the times JJ and I were caught laughing. I'm sure the two of you have been catching up! RIP.*

Karen Kolettis - August 23, 2024 at 12:25 AM

JL

“ *Clarice, Dirk, Dave & Beth - very sad to hear the news about Mr. Hutchison. Great memories of him and you all back in the day on Indian Trail. Always loved when he would invite my dad and I on the boat to go fishing out on Lake Michigan. Also, will never forget his take home tests in Trigonometry. He was a passionate teacher and a wonderful human being. May he rest in peace.*

Jeff Layman

Jeff Layman - August 22, 2024 at 07:37 PM

DH

*Jeff,
Sorry to hear about your loss of your dad. My cell is 913 547 1512. Id love to catch up w you.
Dirk*

Dirk Hutchison - August 23, 2024 at 09:51 AM

SD

“ I am greatly saddened to read of Mr. Hutchison's passing. He was an amazing instructor and had a passion for education that was exceptional. I was the third Daniel family member to take his class; he enjoyed teasing me about that fact. My condolences to his family and friends, the world is a little smaller and darker with this loss.

Sharon Daniel - August 22, 2024 at 11:49 AM

JP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was my high school Algebra II teacher. Math wasn't my strong suit, but he was so kind and patient with me that I ended up with straight A's in that class. I still think of him occasionally, because I ended up with a job in accounting. If not for him, I don't think it's a field I could have considered.

Jennifer Price - August 21, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JE

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I had to take summer school algebra going into my sophomore year and I was extremely lucky to have Mr. Hutchison for my teacher! He taught in a extremely logical and demonstrative way. I would have never understood math if it wasn't for him. He made what seemed like a punishment, something to look forward to every day! Thanks again and rest I'm peace.

Jim Elia - August 21, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I always credited Mr. Hutchinson for helping set the math foundation for my college studies an 33+ year career as an engineer at NASA. I will always have fond memories of checking outside his classroom door where he posted quiz or test scores. His dedication to teaching touched the lives of so many students!

Michael Mesarch - August 21, 2024 at 02:08 PM

MD

“ My condolences to Hutch's family. I have so many great memories from Hutch's classes. He's one of the two or three teachers at MHS that influenced my college and career choices. Thank you for all you did!

Mike Daniel - August 21, 2024 at 01:56 PM

ST

“ I have such wonderful memories of Mr. Hutchison. His kindness and enthusiasm helped make Math approachable. My sympathy to the family, and thank you!

Sherree Tipton - August 20, 2024 at 10:18 PM

JS

“ I was sorry to hear about Mr. Hutchison's passing. He was my math teacher for my Junior and Senior years. He taught me a lot, lessons that I still use today in my work. He could be tough, but always fair. I also always appreciated his dry sense of humor. He will be missed.

John Stanton - August 20, 2024 at 10:03 PM

JL

My condolences to the family of Mr. Hutchinson I remember him well, rest in peace

Janet Berta Larson - August 21, 2024 at 08:56 AM

RH

A wonderful teacher and colleague who certainly left his mark on his students, friends and colleagues.

Ray Hamilton - August 21, 2024 at 12:59 PM

NP

Mr. Hutchinson was a model of efficient teaching. I learned an enormous amount from him my junior and senior years. My condolences to his family. May his memory be eternal.

Nick Poulos - August 21, 2024 at 01:32 PM

LM

Max and Clarice were model parents for Susie and me when our 2 children were born. We learned much from them and you could not ask for better neighbors. I was a new teacher and coach at Merrillville and max was very supportive and always had sound advice. Their Dirk, Dave and Beth were like our kids too and we have so many fond memories of the Hutchisons. May they always be remembered and held in high esteem. Lee&susie McCloud

lee mccloud - August 26, 2024 at 10:45 PM

EK

We were fortunate to share a friendship with Max and Clarice for decades. We all took turns having a theme party. One of our favorite was the pirate theme that Max and Clarice gave. I know hard to picture them as pirates. What fun! Thank you Clarice and Max.

Evelyn Kasarda - September 14, 2024 at 01:05 PM