



John Pollock Mershon

July 9, 1944 - April 27, 2020

On April 27, 2020, John Pollock Mershon, teacher, husband and father, passed away at age 75.

John was born in July 1944 in Girard, PA to Malcolm and Lucile Mershon. He attended Adrian College in Adrian, MI where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, and Eastern Michigan University, earning Master's and Specialist Degrees in Education.

In 1966 he married Judy Bergman, and they raised their daughter Melinda Lee Mershon in Blissfield, MI. John taught at Summerfield Community Schools, most prominently middle school Math, for 35 years, where he was an officer in the Michigan Educators Association and a member of both the District and State Math Curriculum Committees. He also taught future educators at Siena Heights College.

John's interests included woodworking, building much of the furniture for both his and his daughter's home himself, and antique cars. He was a long-time member of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN.

Beyond his hobbies, John was active in the Palmyra Masonic Lodge, serving as its Worshipful Master on several occasions, and the Toledo Shrine, for which he edited and published the Newsletter for a decade. He was also a founding member of the Blissfield Lion's Club. In recent years, John derived great pleasure from traveling to the Chicago area to attend his grandson's music concerts and recitals. Those who knew or encountered him remember his sense of humor, his generosity, and his willingness to strike up a conversation with anyone.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, his daughter Melinda, son-in-law Don Moorhead, his grandson Cole Moorhead, his brother James Mershon and nephew James Mershon, Jr. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *a teacher right? math teacher for summerfield schools? oh what wit! i cant forgot it.*

cheri - November 04, 2021 at 12:30 PM

JC

“ *I remember playing on the pinball machine against John at Gary Bettis's gas station. John had a great sense of humor and was an excellent conversationalist. I remember him fondly. Please accept my condolences.*

Jeannine (Gurica) Creamer - May 12, 2020 at 06:11 PM

RB

“ *I knew Brother John Mershon as one of the great Masons at Palmyra Lodge #184.*

As a new brother, he made me feel very welcome and even organized Pool (Billiards) Nights at his home so that brothers could come together and get to know each other. I remember those nights fondly as he would play some of the greatest Jazz Piano musicians I had ever heard. I proudly hang a beautiful woodwork piece he created for my wife and I to honor our marriage and admire it often.

John lead dozens of moving tributes to our fallen Palmyra brothers at Masonic funerals. He encouraged Brother Sam Tibbs and I to put together a Lodge newsletter that went on for a number of years. He was instrumental in inspiring 100's of students to attend College and leaves a legacy of great success around our nation with each one he touched.

Our communities in Blissfield, Palmyra, Deerfield and Petersburg were so lucky that John came to our area with his wife Judy and family and spent his life here. He will be forever fondly remember by so many.

*Royd Buchele
Past Master
Palmyra Masonic Lodge #184*

Royd Buchele - May 04, 2020 at 11:19 PM

LA

“ In the 69/70 and 70/71 school years, I had the good fortune to be a 5th and 6th grade language arts teacher at Summerfield along with John, the math teacher. He and I often spent our breaks together playing an ongoing game of chess (and he was the better player). I enjoyed his wit and good humor. I also enjoyed getting to know Judy, and their daughter was born just a few months before my son. I remember getting together with John and Judy while watching our two little ones. They were great friends. And we reunited two years ago when in Blissfield for a funeral. Our condolences to Judy and the family. He will be greatly missed.

Larry Addison - May 04, 2020 at 06:17 PM

PR

“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. May God be close and bring you Peace during this difficult time. You both were always there, when we were kid's and as we grew into adults to help out whenever needed. You both are loved and treasured. My prayers and thoughts are with you and Melinda, Don and Cole. Wishing you all God's Comfort and Healing.

Pam Reinhart - May 04, 2020 at 09:09 AM

PT

“ Bob and I were blessed to have John and Judy in our lives for the past 52 years. John was a wonderful friend, always there when you needed something. We shared so many blessed and good times together. He will be missed so deeply. My love and prayers are with Judy, Melinda, Don and Cole and Family.

Love,
Pat Thomas

Patricia R Thomas - May 04, 2020 at 08:59 AM

LI

“ My deepest condolences, Judy. ❤️❤️

Linda Ishmiel - April 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM

EH

“ Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of John Pollock Mershon



Evelyn H. - April 30, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Pollock Mershon.*



April 30, 2020 at 09:46 AM

JO

“ *John was a long time colleague at Summerfield Schools. He cared deeply for his students and wanted them to be successful in math.*

Joanne Tollison

Joanne - April 30, 2020 at 01:24 AM

SL

“ *Sad to see this news. May the peace that passes understanding come to the family and friends. I remember John trying to teach me how to power shift on a vet.*

Steve Lasky - April 29, 2020 at 03:59 PM

SK

“ *Mr. Mershon was one of my all time favorite teachers!!! He made math fun and taught me how to play chess! I think he taught me how to play euchre on the way to cedar point too! I enjoyed pulling his tie and seeing his reaction. He made a huge impact on my education. I have talked about him fondly throughout my adult life! Sending condolences to his family! ❤️*

Susan Gorr Kritz - April 29, 2020 at 03:25 PM

CK

“ *Judy,
I was saddened to learn of John's passing. What a great man! Always enjoyed his humor and jokes on his visits to the dental office. I, as well as Kirsten and Brad, wish to express our deepest condolences to you and to Melinda and family. Will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Carolyn Klump - April 29, 2020 at 03:25 PM

MB

“ John taught across the hall from me. I treasured our friendship.
My heartfelt sympathy to all of his family.
Love, hugs and prayers. God bless you.

Mary Jean Bell - April 29, 2020 at 02:30 PM

AG

“ He was a very good teacher I never forgot him because he was one of the rare that makes an impact on a student's life! I am deeply sorry for your loss and will pray for your family. 😞

Angie Green - April 29, 2020 at 01:24 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathies to you, Mrs. Mershon and Melinda. I am sending you prayers for the gentle grace of healing and joy in the many loving memories you hold in your hearts.

Katherine Seeburger - April 29, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ I often tell teacher colleagues of mine that it wasn't until I had class with Mr. Mershon at Siena Heights that I truly understood mathematics in a way that would allow me to help elementary students learn. He will surely be missed, but he leaves a wonderful legacy of so many students who "get" math. My condolences to Mrs. Mershon and your family.

Anthony Butler - April 29, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JV

“ I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Mershon's passing. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed our conversations when he would bring Kit into the vet office. I will surely miss those visits. Deepest Condolences - Jill Villanueva

Jill Villanueva - April 29, 2020 at 10:04 AM

KC

“ Judy
So sorry to hear of John's passing. My sincere condolences to you, Melinda and family. I'll always remember how John would love to tell a joke and then laugh like a school boy. I very much enjoyed that. Best wishes to you and hope you are all well.
Kyle Cranor

kyle cranor - April 29, 2020 at 09:25 AM

BA

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I knew Mr. Mershon as a teacher, but have no doubt he was a great husband, father and friend. Mr. Mershon was a phenomenal educator. When you left his class you were going to know decimals, fractions, and all the other math sixth grade required. I knew that Mr. Mershon cared and I knew that I was going to learn everyday. I've been a teacher for 25 years and I often think of the example he set for me and all of his students.

Bert Arnett - April 29, 2020 at 07:15 AM

SS

“ He was one of my favorite teachers at Summerfield. He always Took time to make sure every student understood everything. I have always said he is the reason I enjoyed math! He will be greatly missed!

sheila smith - April 28, 2020 at 11:57 PM

RC

“ I have so many good memories of teaching 6th grade with John. Our lunch times were fun because John was often ready with a joke. He always dressed up for teaching. I am happy to call him my friend.

Ronda Cheever - April 28, 2020 at 11:23 PM

WD

“ My deepest condolences to John (Mr. Mershon's) family. He was my 6th grade teacher many moons ago. He was an amazing, memorable teacher and I'm grateful that he helped instill a love of math in my life. I now am in my 26th year of teaching middle school math & owe some of that credit to him.

Wendy Dorset - April 28, 2020 at 10:02 PM

LT

“ It is with sadness I read of John's passing my thoughts and prayers are with you Judy and your daughter. John and I were very close friends at College many lunch hours we would play cards in the Student Union as I was a commuting student and he lived on campus. I am saddened to read of his passing even though we didn't spend a lot of time together in later years we spent many hours together when we were in college. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time. I am available if there's anything that you need to have done God bless you and your family. Larry Tuttle

Larry Tuttle - April 28, 2020 at 09:47 PM

KL

“ *Mr Mershon made a lasting impression on so many of his students. He was such a wonderful teacher and person. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing. RIP Mr Mershon. Sending prayers to his family.*

Kelly Randolph Lampkin - April 28, 2020 at 09:42 PM

DI

“ *Judy and family so sorry to hear about your loss. May the Good Lord be with you and your family at this time*

DICK IOTT - April 28, 2020 at 09:24 PM

MM

“ *I am thankful to have known Mr. Mershon. His intelligence and high expectations in the classroom were an important aspect of my education. His seriousness paired with his playful humor brought out the best in his classes.*

I remember Mr. Mershon taking the time to teach my friends and I how to play chess. I also recall multiple games with him beating me in three moves.

Condolences to the family, he was a great educator.

Marc Mens - April 28, 2020 at 09:23 PM

PG

“ *Mr. Mershon was a special teacher in middle school at Summerfield- so thankful for him, and sharing his gift with us.*

Patty (Walker) Gomulinski

Patty Gomulinski - April 28, 2020 at 08:59 PM

SC

“ *Mr. Mershon was one of my favorite teachers. He was the first teacher that I connected with as I had moved to Summerfield in the 6th grade & I had him for 6th grade Math. Prayers to his family & friends. He was a great math teacher!*

Shelia Cuschieri - April 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM

SE

“ Judy,
I am sorry for your loss. Sincere sympathy to you and your family.
Sue (Reed) Enslin



Susan Enslin - April 28, 2020 at 08:46 PM

KS

“ Karen Seegert sent a virtual gift in memory of John Pollock Mershon



Karen Seegert - April 28, 2020 at 06:58 PM

TC

Judy im so sorry for your family
lose john was a great teacher and he will be missed by everyone that had him as a teacher and a friend prayers to your family and his friends

Tammy Conley - April 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM

LM

“ Judy
Mr. Mershon was one of my very favorite teachers. I graduated in 1982 from Summerfield and went into education partly because of John. I was very surprised and blessed to work with Mr. Mershon again when I was hired at Blissfield Elementary as a kindergarten teacher and John was a mentor to our older students. He continued to challenge me even in my adult years with math questions and problem solvers. Mr. Mershon will always hold a very special place in my heart. I send you and your family prayers for peace and comfort.
Blessings
Linda (Nault) Mueller

Linda (Nault) Mueller - April 28, 2020 at 06:24 PM

TK

“ So sorry for your loss I had him for middle school, he was one of our favorite teachers. I was in the class of “98” prayers are with his family, He will be missed for sure.
Tara Kundrat

Tara Kundrat - April 28, 2020 at 06:24 PM

JD

“ *one hell of a teacher in summerfeild I had him*

john doty - April 28, 2020 at 06:17 PM

TN

“ *I will never forget a life lesson taught by Mr. Mershon in 6th grade math class, how to tie a tie. Prayers to his family.*

thresia pirolli nusbaum - April 28, 2020 at 06:14 PM

JB

“ *John always had a funny (?) joke to share with the staff at Summerfield. There are a lot of fond memories and stories. His blackberry pies, M & M math, vadalia onion sales and the parties at the VFW he invited us to. He was a great guy. Jane Bolster, former Summerfield Elementary Secretary*

Jane Bolster - April 28, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Pollock Mershon.*



April 28, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JC

“ *Mr. Mershon was my 6th grade math teacher years ago. I struggled in that class and he always took the time to help me along and make jokes to lighten the times when he knew I was struggling. My thoughts and prayers to his family during this time, what a great individual he truly was.*

Jesica Cox - April 28, 2020 at 05:28 PM

AD

“ *So sad to see Mr. Mershon passed away he was such a sweet teacher I had him as my math teacher he once gave me detention for chewing gum in class lol my thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends RIP Mr. Mershon*

Amber Drulard - April 28, 2020 at 05:27 PM

WP

“ Old school tough love sort of teacher, no doubt one of the best at that. Cross him up and you'd soon find out that he ruled with an iron rod or actually, a wooden paddle. 😞

Walter Parrish - April 28, 2020 at 05:27 PM

TI

“ He will forever be one of my favorite teachers and helped mold my love for math and Chess. Healing prayers in your time of loss.

Tina - April 28, 2020 at 05:08 PM

MS

“ Judy,
I am so very sorry to hear of Johns passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We know the road all to well. Our God will walk with you every step of the way.
Mike and SueEllen Sheldon

mike Sheldon - April 28, 2020 at 04:56 PM

SM

“ John was a great servant for the community. Through his work with students and his service work in the Blissfield Area Lions Club, John gave back the blessings he had received. I enjoyed listening to his jokes and his thoughts on education issues. Our prayers go out to Judy and the family. Stan and Alysia Masters

Stan and Alysia Masters - April 28, 2020 at 02:45 PM

GB

“ Greg Bays lit a candle in memory of John Pollock Mershon



Greg Bays - April 28, 2020 at 01:43 PM

LO

“ I am so sorry to hear about the news. My best to you all during this difficult time.

Leigh ODonnell - April 28, 2020 at 01:37 PM