

RICHARD W. HUFFMAN, 1928-2010

School principal was Maumee councilman

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Richard W. Huffman, 82, a Maumee elementary principal and member of City Council, died of congestive heart failure Thursday in St. Luke's Hospital.

Mr. Huffman, recently of Waterville, retired from Maumee schools in 1987 as supervisor of special education. For 29 years, he was principal of Wayne Trail Elementary School.

"He was considered one of the outstanding people," Robert Kabat, principal for 30 years of Fort Miami Elementary, said. "He was a genuine individual — honest and in many cases low-key. He never became alarmed at things."

From 1970-80, he and his wife, Mary Lou, opened their home to high school students after football games for popcorn and hot

chocolate, daughter Terri said, and "they all called them Mom and Dad."

Earlier, he taught at Fort Miami Elementary and at Glendale School in the Adams Township district. He was a former president of the state elementary principals association.

Mr. Huffman was a 12-year Republican councilman and ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1987.

"He felt that was one of his callings, to get into government and try and help the city of Maumee," his daughter said.

He was born Feb. 28, 1928, to Hazel and Weir Huffman. He was a graduate of Libbey High School and the University of Toledo.

He and his wife acted in productions of the Maumee Civic Theatre and Waterville Playshop. For several years, they owned an antique shop

on River Road in Maumee.

"They were very much in love. It was a wonderful thing to grow up with," their daughter said.

The couple married Sept. 2, 1950. Mrs. Huffman died Jan. 30, 2003.

Surviving are his sons, Joseph Thorpe and Joseph and Thomas Huffman; daughters, Terri Huffman, Kim Biddle, and Beth Finical; 18 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

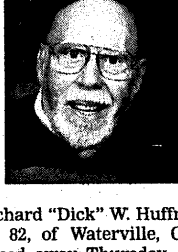
The body will be in the Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home, Maumee, after 2 p.m. tomorrow. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, where he was a trustee and vestry member.

The family suggests tributes to the church.

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Richard "Dick" W.



Richard "Dick" W. Huffman, age 82, of Waterville, Ohio, passed away Thursday, May 20, 2010, at St. Luke's Hospital. He was born February 28, 1928, in Toledo to Weir C. and Hazel E. (Wright) Huffman. Dick's career began as a teacher for Glendale Elementary in Toledo. Dick was employed with the Maumee City Schools for over 30 years, as a principal of Wayne Trail Elementary and director of special education. After retirement, Dick worked for Funk-Luedke as an office manager and served as a job coach for the Zepf Center. He was a past president of the Ohio District Elementary Principals Association. Dick served on Maumee City Council for 12 years. A faithful man, Dick was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maumee for over 60 years where he served as a Trustee, Vestryman and volunteered at the rummage sale. He was a director of the YMCA day camp "Club Adventure," member of the Maumee Elks and very active with the Miata Club. Dick loved antiques and wood working, he and wife, Mary Lou ran the "Wood-N-Stuff" Antiques store on River Road. Dick and Mary Lou were also active with the Maumee Civic Theatre and Waterville Playshop. Dick loved to cook and dance but the greatest love and soulmate of his life was his wife, Mary Lou.

The widower of Mary Lou (Woods) Huffman, Dick is survived by his children, Joseph (Joyce) Thorpe, Scott (Karen) Huffman, Terri Huffman, Kim (Richard) Biddle, Thomas (Sherri) Huffman and Beth (Todd) Finical; 18 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, Dick was preceded in death by his grandson, Michael Rodriguez and brother, Dean Huffman.

Family and friends may visit Sunday, May 23, 2010, from 2-8 pm and Monday, May 24, 2010, from 4-8 pm in the **Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home, 501 Conant Street, Maumee.** Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 310 Elizabeth Street, Maumee. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Maumee. The family requests memorial donations to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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