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Franklyn Grant Mapes passed away peacefully and went home to the Lord on May 11, 2020. He was 88 years old.

Franklyn was born in Earlham, Iowa on June 2, 1931, the middle child of Leo and Bessie Mapes, Iowa farmers. At the age of 6, Franklyn's life was forever changed when he was introduced to his Kindergarten classmate, Lola Ruth Leeper. From there began a courtship, a marriage on June 2, 1952, and a lifelong love that lasted to her death on November 29, 2011, and still thereafter.

Franklyn graduated from Earlham High School and was a trombone player and a member in the school band. He attended Drake University and received a BA and MA in music, and later enlisted in the United States Army. Franklyn served for nearly thirty years as the Band Director for numerous public schools in Iowa before retiring from teaching at Urbandale High School. Franklyn and Lola proudly raised two sons, Gary and Craig, instilling in them a farmer's work ethic and an appreciation for music.

Throughout the years, Franklyn loved to play trombone gigs as a brass band member, tinker in his shop as Mr. Fix-it, and play cribbage with family and friends. He loved fishing, buying previously-owned cars, and tuning pianos. He loved to bounce grandkids, and later great-grandkids, on his knee as he sang "Bum to the Bummer," and then treat them to Dairy Queen blizzards. Above all, he was a devoted musician and a devoted husband to the love of his life, Lola.

Franklyn is survived in death by his two sons, Gary Mapes and wife, Dee Ann of Longview, Texas, and Craig Mapes and wife, Alyssa of Arlington, Texas, 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one sister, Myrna DeWall.

A private family memorial service will be held at Rader Funeral Home in Longview, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Urbandale, Iowa, or Penn Center Methodist Church in Earlham, Iowa.



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Ron Kraft posted:

My deepest sympathy on the passing of this wonderful man as you cherish so many good memories. As his neighbor on Hammond Tree in Urbandale, Ia, for a few years I so enjoyed our chats as especially since we were both farm boys. His talents were many and we even had him tune our piano.Sincerely. Ron Kraft488 Edgewood LanePleasant Hill, Ia 50327

May 17 at 1:46 PM



Gary And Marilyn Bush posted:

This world lost a wonderful man, and an important person from our past. Frank and Lola were good, honest, talented, hardworking people who set a beautiful example to Gary and me, and everyone else that knew them.I am certain that God and Lola welcomed you, Frank.With love, Gary and Marilyn Bush

May 15 at 2:36 PM



Connie Murdock lit a candle in honor of Franklyn.



May 14 at 4:06 PM



Connie Murdock May 14 at 4:09 PM

Always enjoyed visiting and talking with Mr Mapes....thoughts and prayers for your family.....



Dan Cornelison posted:

A fun Memory of "Mr. Mapes" was taking Craig and I pheasant hunting to a family farm up north and telling me to put my 100 lb German Shorthair Pinter in the trunk for the ride up there! So we did! Lots of great memories in the Mapes house with Lola making pizza for our pool tournaments, being frightened every time Gary ran the ball that he would hurt his fingers so he couldn't play Clarinet and "Franklin " being a fun friends Dad and in the next moment a terrific Bad Director! He was admired and respected as a teacher and a man. Keep the memories . Craig, I would enjoy catching up. Reach out via facebook.Dan Cornelison. UHS 75. Bari, Tenor and Alto Sax

May 14 at 1:34 AM



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DW

Debbie And Jerry Watkins lit a candle in honor of Franklyn.

Thinking and praying for you and your family

May 12 at 4:31 PM



SS

Shirley Snowden May 12 at 4:52 PM

James and I are so sorry to hear of Franklin's passing. Such a fine man will be missed by you all. Gary we are sending our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. ❤️❤️❤️

DW

Dr. Billy Westbrook posted:

We always enjoyed seeing Mr. Mapes in our office. He had a certain spark that was admirable in that he was fiercely independent but gentle and humble. We will miss him. Condolences to Gary and family. Dr. Billy Westbrook & staff

May 12 at 3:49 PM

JT

John T. May 13 at 2:16 AM

Sorry to hear of your loss. Frank was a true friend. He had wit and a true love for life. I will always remember him from our exercises class. He will be missed.

BH

Beverly Holloway lit a candle in honor of Franklyn.

May 12 at 12:37 PM



CI

Craig's Inlaws May 14 at 6:48 AM

Our sincerest condolences to Craig and Alyssa, his brother Gary and his wife, Dee Ann as well as all the rest of the family and friends of Mr. Mapes. You are all in our thoughts at this difficult time. Alyssa's parents, Georgia and Chris

BM

Becky Morris May 12 at 2:35 PM

So sorry for your loss. I think he must have had a wonderful influence on all of your family. It was so nice that he lived close by in his final years. I know everyone of you will really miss him.

BH

Beverly Holloway May 12 at 12:39 PM

I'm so sorry Gary...prayers for your family...



Memories only last if you share them

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



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