



Mr. Robin Wayne Carlson

December 20, 1946 - June 14, 2019

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Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Robin Wayne Carlson.*



June 27, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ *Sorry to hear this news. May you cherish the memories. I remember him fondly.*

GINNA GRUSSING - June 23, 2019 at 11:37 PM



“ *Robin hired me in 1995 as a School Counselor. What I remember the most about him was his great sense of humor. He once told me that he collected photos of large statues, so for years I mailed him copies of photos I took - giant animals, Paul Bunyan, etc. To this day I have no idea if he was pulling my leg or not. I also remember the fun staff parties he hosted at his house in Bloomington. As I prepare for my own Educational Leadership degree, I think of Robin often. What a blessing it was to have known him. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

~Mary Laurel Grogan

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Mary Laurel Grogan - June 23, 2019 at 05:18 PM

LK

“ Robin gave me my first teaching job and believed in me, a 22-year-old idealist. I trusted him, admired him, learned from him, and loved him dearly. I was so lucky to have had him as my first principal and mentor.

I'm sad that I am unable to attend Robin's memorial. Please know that my heart is with his family, especially Ryan, and that I am forever grateful for the gift of Robin's time, influence, and encouragement.

Lisa Kiner - June 22, 2019 at 01:01 AM

RW

“ I worked as a teacher and Dean of Students with Robin from the time he came to Richfield Middle School. I never worked with a better boss or friend than Robin. I did have an opportunity to talk with Robin during a chance meeting at Martin Luther Manor. He called out my name as I walked by and asked if I could break him out of there. I said I didn't think I could, so his next suggestion was that I sneak some whiskey in for us...and don't forget the mushrooms.

I cherish the memories of Robin sitting on my porch in Wyoming. I'm so sorry for your loss...Robin was one of a kind!

Love, Ron Wagner

Ron Wagner - June 21, 2019 at 04:38 PM

JC

Robin did rehabilitation at Martin Luther Manor for a short period of time. He passed away at home with family.

Jeri Carlson - June 23, 2019 at 11:12 PM

NM

“ Robin hired me in 1993, and it was my first job after moving here from Canada; my first job teaching Middle School children after having taught adults for 22 years in the Government Bilingualism Program; and the first time I had to deal with behavior issues. Suffice it to say that Robin showed such incredible patience with me as I tried to resign every day for the first month. He told me that I had to stop asking WHY every time a student caused a problem, and instead to tell myself that it was simply a matter of Middle School mentality.

In Robin I found an amazing educator who shared his knowledge and his strengths with both staff and students. He knew every student by name, spent more time in the lunch room and in classrooms with 'his kids' and allowed the kids in Special Ed., who were in awe of his height and size, to climb all over him.

When I retired in 2016 he was the first person I wanted to invite to my retirement but knew that his health would not let him attend.

In education he was the standard to which all teachers and administrators should hold as their goal.

Robin, You will be missed by so many. Memory Eternal.

Nancy Maker - June 21, 2019 at 03:49 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Carlson family. I was fortunate to have visited Robin at home several years ago. Although his health had declined I am grateful to had the time with him. Robin gave me the opportunity to begin my teaching career in Richfield. He guided me and shared advice which helped me throughout my career. I am grateful to have had the blessing of knowing and worked with a very special man. We all feel a sadness with the loss of Robin but I know he now sails with one more divine.

Steven M. Begich

Steven M. Begich - June 19, 2019 at 04:08 PM



Robin hired me 22 years ago at Richfield Middle School. I am so thankful for the opportunity he gave me and appreciate what he did to help guide the early years of my career.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And perpetual light shine upon him.

Gretchen Gifford - June 19, 2019 at 05:49 PM



Robin hired me 25 years ago when we were still a junior high. He was the best boss in my total career. Robin was a fair man who always backed his office staff. His door was always open for us. Thank you Robin for great memories.

Mary Rue - June 20, 2019 at 10:30 PM



*Robin Carlson was the principal while my kids were at the middle school
I was a parent volunteer and he gave me an opportunity to work with kids in special education. I'm still work with these kids, love every minute I have with them. Thank you Robin, for believing in me!*

Sheila Holtgrave - June 21, 2019 at 10:26 PM

AG

Robin is one of my best friends ever. It is in the present tense as I will always remember all the great times and friendship we shared over the Past 40+ years. The thousands of meals we shared, the many movies we watched, the hundreds of golf rounds, the thousands of card games but the most important is the times we spent talking about LIFE. Robin was very smart and knowledgeable and always had a great sense of humor with the ability to make every situation fun. Our discussions covered the full gamut of topics and even if we did not always agree with each other we fully respected the others opinions. We shared our opinions and all of our individual trial and tribulations we experienced and together survived and supported each other. True friendship.

He loved his family immensely. Jeri, all the care and support you gave Robin these last years was incredible. There is a gold star for all your effort and care.

He loved golf and other sports especially basketball . He loved his many cars and getting good deals on them. He loved quiet time to think and ponder. He loved to have fun. Robin disliked poor health and we could all see it in his eyes. I started to see the start of his issues when he made untypical errors when we played cards. I would joke and make light of the miscues but inside I was hurting as I sensed Robins worst fears. Now his health issues are over and Robin is in a much better place. He left us because he had a T-Time.

Now is the time we need to appreciate Robin and his wonderful traits. He left us with a boatload of wonderful memories and he will have a T-time booked when we meet again.

Arlyn Grussing - June 24, 2019 at 03:12 PM

BD

Robin served as Principal of Richfield Middle School during my years as Superintendent. I came to Richfield from Illinois, so our daughters had to transition into a new school. Robin helped our youngest daughter, Katy, make a smooth transition to Middle School. I admired Robin's ability to listen to middle school kids, trying to find ways to say "yes" when they wanted to do something new! I also appreciated his "teaching" approach to student discipline, and his dedication to the Middle School concept as a way of supporting middle level students in their learning and development. I lost track of Robin after he retired, and hope he was able to achieve his goal of earning a law degree. I was saddened to learn of his illness and death, and extend my deepest sympathies to the Carlson family.

Barbara Devlin - June 25, 2019 at 07:45 AM