



REMEMBERING
Harry Edwin Mathias
January 19, 1930 - June 16, 2014



Tribute from Mark Memorial Funeral Services Staff

Mark Memorial Funeral Services Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Marilyn Burden

Relation: Uncle

Thoughts, prayers, and hugs to Aunt Evelyn, my cousins Lynn, Leslie and their families. Wish I could be there, but do know we will be with you in spirit this weekend. Uncle Harry will certainly be missed, and definitely never forgotten. Love to you all,
Dave, Marilyn and family.

Tribute from connie and dan madsen

Relation: friend of lynne and steve

Sad day for your family. Our thoughts and prayers go out for you all.

Tribute from Jamie Gripich

Relation: He was my History 12 teacher

I loved that such a straight guy like Mr. Matthias allowed us to call him "Harry", I believe he knew those of us who meant it with great respect. Such a solid mind, with a magnificent grasp of history, how it plays itself out and how it seems to replicate itself. I was such a busy student, involved in extra curriculars, and one day Harry threw my B+ paper down on my desk and said to me: "it's frustrating to me, I wish you would try and see what you really could do." No note of anger - simply, sincerity - an educator trying to make a young person "wake up". It stuck with me - and I've told the story countless times. When we left for University in 1982 we were drawn to the "I'm just Wild About Harry" campaign slogan when he ran in the 1983 provincial election - not an easy thing to go against an incumbent, but Harry did it for the Party, and he always had my admiration for that. I am fortunate to know, not well, his wonderful children, and that doesn't happen by accident. My, and my family's, sympathies go out to Harry's family and friends at this difficult time. An educator has such an indelible impression on so many, and I am sure there are many more just like me that just can't think of anything but good thoughts of the impression Harry left on all of us.

Tribute from Doreen

Relation: Student

Mr. Mathias was one of my favorite teachers. He will forever be a part of my growing up memories.

Tribute from Dan Melody

Relation: Student

I never had Mr. Mathias as one of my Teachers at Mt, Baker, but I had lots of contact with him in the halls and always enjoyed his quick wit and wise humor!

Sad to lose such a wonderful man and I hope the Family gathers strength from all the years of fine Memories.

Tribute from Susan Killam Fisher

Relation: He was my history teacher in Mount Baker

My gratitude and a life lived as well as my enduring love of social studies and history is owed in part to Mr. Mathias. When all else seemed dark he never wavered in his faith or enthusiasm which was a stepping stone to the next joyful move. Safe journey my teacher and may your stride take you every where. To his family from mine, thank you for sharing him with us and may his memory ease his passing.

Tribute from Shawn Mendes

Relation: school and the NDP

What to say about "Harry". Although I never had him as a teacher he certainly made a good impression at high school so long ago. I did, however, have the privilege of getting to know him through our common cause for social justice.

A better, kinder, more decent man would be very hard to find. Harry, you led an exemplary life and were an inspiration for many. You will be missed, even by those of us who haven't seen you for many years. The light will remain on in all the minds you touched over the decades. Cheers to you Harry, from Malin and I, for a life well led!

Tribute from Crystal & Brad Thompson

Relation: Relationship - How did you know the deceased?

Lynn, Steve and Danial...

Sending you all our condolences. Your dad was an awesome teacher and was very respected in the community. He always had a smile for everyone he met. He truly will be missed. Hugs to all of you.

Tribute from John Hudak

Relation: History Teacher

"Harry" as he was affectionately known to his students was a professional in his vocation. He demonstrated a passion for his craft which made his classes all the more interesting. I always looked upon him as a man that knew where his compass was set and he lived true to his principles. Harry may you take comfort in the fact your approach to your career and life did not go unnoticed. To his family may you take comfort in knowing your husband and father gave each of his students an equal opportunity to succeed in his classes. He certainly was a teacher that made a difference for me. Rest easy Harry may your reward be in Heaven.

Tribute from Linda Gunson Haley

Relation: friend of family

Sorry to hear of your loss - Fondly remembered - Our deepest sympathy

Tribute from Don Rivers

Relation: Harry was a colleague.

Harry was a true gentleman. He was a great teacher at Mount Baker Senior Secondary and involved with the provincial New Democrats. He had the best of motives in his quest for an East Kootenay seat.

Tribute from Charlene Morrison

Relation: Co-worker of Leslie

Leslie and Mark,

Sending my deepest sympathies to you and your family on the passing of your father and grandfather. I hope all your good memories will help ease the grief that you must be feeling. My recollection of your father from school -although I never had him personally- was that he was well respected

Tribute from Laurretta(Pagurut)Dick

Relation: Was a pupil of his at Mt. Baker

Mr. Mathias was a great teacher.. Really enjoyed his class. My condolences and prayers go out to his family

Tribute from Terry and Hilary Segarty

Relation: Friend

Our deepest sympathies to the Mathias family. It was with much sadness that I read of the passing of Harry. Throughout his life he served his community with distinction, both as an educator and as a community activist. He was always available to help those in need.

Most of all he was a devoted family man with a strong sense of faith who took great pride in his family, as they took in him. Sorry we are unable to attend the service for Harry as we will be in Ireland attending a family funeral.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Evelyn, and with your family at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Terry and Hilary Segarty

Tribute from Molly, Derry, Sean Cloarec

Relation: neighbours, History 12 teacher

To Harry's family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the passing of Harry. We will miss chatting with him and enjoying his quiet nature and dry humour. He will always be remembered as being the best History 12 teacher!

Tribute from Cheryl ostash(loewen)

Relation: One of my favorite teachers.

Jamie said it right. He was inspiring and a very sincere teacher. He was very good and helpful with everyone, more so if he knew you didn't really enjoy the day. As years went on I got to know him and Evelyn through my work and they were always so friendly and stopped to chat. I still called him Mr. Mathias (my generation respect), he shook his finger and said please no, I am Harry to you. I miss seeing his smiling face and his laughter. I will NEVER forget him.

