



## Robert "Bob" Meyer

June 9, 1928 - May 8, 2021

Robert "Bob" Meyer,

Passed away May 8, 2021, at the age of 92, in Indianapolis. He was born June 9, 1928, to Elda Bade Meyer and Carl Meyer. Bob grew up on the farm, the eldest of six children.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Janice (Alverson) Meyer; six children – Sharon Westerman (Terry), Scott Meyer, Sue Martin (Mark), Bruce Wuerch (Beth), Brian Wuerch (Kelly) and Brad Wuerch (Jean); 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Erven Meyer (Norma), Harold Meyer, Alice Bernat and Don Meyer (Pat). His daughter, Judy Violante; and sister, Elsie Freese, preceded him in death. Bob was a graduate of Arsenal Tech High School and Jordon College of Music (Butler University), where he earned his Fine Arts and Master's Degrees in Music Education. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Bob taught music and band for 40 years at Mt. Vernon, Pike and Lawrence Schools. After retiring, he continued to give private lessons for 20 years. Bob was a founding father of the Indianapolis Symphonic Band, Musical Director of the New Ventures Big Band, and leader of the Rhythm Eight Group. He played a good trombone!

Bob was a longtime member of Faith Presbyterian Church. He was also a lifetime member of the National Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

Bob was an amazing and selfless father, grandfather, teacher and friend. His

sense of humor, generous spirit and love of life was contagious to all that knew him. We will miss his positive attitude, his 3 beer-chicken and smiling face with his “go to hell” hat on his head!

A Celebration of Bob's life will take place Friday, May 14, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 8170 Hague Road, with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lawrence Township School Foundation Band Program at [www.MSDLTF.org](http://www.MSDLTF.org) (please add “Bob Meyer” in the comments) and/or Faith Presbyterian Church, 8170 Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

“The leader of the band is tired,  
and his eyes are growing old.  
But his blood runs through my instrument,  
and his song is in my soul.  
My life has been a poor attempt, to imitate the man.  
I’m just a living legacy  
to the leader of the band.”

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
for Bob Meyer will be held  
Friday, May 14, 2021, at 12:30 PM  
at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will take place at 11:30 AM.  
Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained for the safety of all.

The service of worship will also be live streamed on Faith's website and Facebook Page.

Bob was a musician and music teacher, who is remembered fondly by his many students. He shared his musical abilities generously with the congregation of Faith Presbyterian Church, where he and his wife, Janice, were married and deeply involved. Our prayers surround Janice and their children as they grieve the loss of husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church  
8170 Hague Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46256

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Starting in grade school, Bob Meyer taught me the fundamentals of music, the science behind the instruments, how to tease apart big problems into a series of small ones, the basics of arranging, and how to turn notes into music. In short, most of what I know. And always with a smile an encouraging smile.

Denny Willen - August 10, 2022 at 12:39 AM

SF

“ Mr. Meyer had the patience of a saint. He took a bunch of ill-trained students and turned them out as a marching band, a darn good choir and developed a right decent dance band. And then years later did the same wonderful job with a new generation of students in Lawrence Township creating the foundation for a state championship marching band at LNHS. I was beyond pleased to learn he would be teaching my two daughters the basics they needed to excel musically. Job well done Sir; may you rest in peace.



Sarah Given Frazer - April 22, 2022 at 03:58 PM

JC

“ Bob-

You were a huge part of making me a musician and music teacher. I will always value our time together at Craig Middle School, Faith Presbyterian Church, with "The Rhythm 8," and "The New Ventures." Thanks for some great memories. I learned a lot from you!

Jim Crismore

Jim Crismore - May 14, 2021 at 02:56 PM

RF

“ Mr. Meyer was very inspirational in my life. He taught me how to read and play music when I was in the 6th grade. He was my first music teacher - from 6th grade through 8th grade. What he taught me I have been able to enjoy on a daily basis for 6 decades so far. For that, I am forever grateful.

When he first taught me music it was on the trumpet. At first he taught me about 10 notes where you could play several songs with that. Eventually, in 7th grade school we had band class at Craig Jr. High where Mr. Meyer was the music teacher. The first day we all gathered and Mr. Meyer had everyone in the class play a B Flat note together. Wow! The magically blended sound of all those instruments playing that one note together sent shivers up my spine. It was awesome and life changing! From that note on music has been a very special part of my life that I have loved so much. And I can attest it all to Mr. Meyer for getting me going in the world of music. Thank you eternally, Mr. Meyer.

Sincerely,

Ross Fazekas

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Ross Fazekas - May 12, 2021 at 01:35 PM

SZ

“ I had Mr. Meyer as my band teacher at Craig Junior H. S. He was so passionate about teaching music, such a great man. I ran into him once after he retired at an assisted living facility at Ft. Harrison, he was setting up for a musical performance that I felt he was also participating in as well. He remembered not only me, but older siblings that he had taught 5 years before me. And remembered and knew my family too! It was so nice to see him. To his family, I'm so sorry for your loss, what a wonderful man who lived a wonderful life and was such a community treasure!

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Sheldon (Shelly) Zainey - May 12, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DT

“ I may have earned a Master of Music "magna cum laude" from ISU, but I never would have achieved that distinction if not for the solid foundation in music theory I learned in elementary school at Pike studying flute with Bob Meyer. Continuing on through MSD Pike Twp under his instruction (and even after he moved on to Lawrence), the lessons that I learned from him have stayed with me over the years and are ingrained in my memory. When I would search for images to describe to church choir members the importance of note values and accurate releases, I had to bite my tongue to keep from repeating Bob's standard example of the "fat lady on the barstool". I held onto my first flute instruction books for as long as I could, just so that I could remember him and remember my beginnings as a professional musician. Words fail me as I seek to describe the debt that I owe to the man, the musician, the educator. To Bob's family, I promise you my prayers for your consolation; you know that his life was a life well-lived. May he see God face to face!

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**Deb. Thurston** - May 12, 2021 at 02:21 AM

RT

“ Such an AMAZING teacher so caring and fun. God has another great Angel with him looking over all his family and friends and students he had. He will be missed. Rest in peace and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. ❤️

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**Rhonda Thaxton-Hurt** - May 10, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He was my band teacher at Craig Junior High. He was the first teacher I ever had who believed that I could succeed! He helped kindle a lifelong love of performing music and playing sax. I'm a middle school English teacher now, and I always try to believe in my students as he did trying to teach us how to play, and not squeak! What a life well-lived! God's blessings and comfort to the family during these days. You are in my prayers.

*Jim Schenck, Craig JH 1977-78*

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**Jim Schenck** - May 10, 2021 at 08:43 PM

JD

*Well said Jim. He was a great music teacher.*

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**Jamie D** - May 10, 2021 at 08:52 PM

GB

“ He was the best band teacher! I wasn't very good at playing the flute but he never gave up on me!!

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**Geri Biggers-Nichols** - May 10, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Meyer.



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May 10, 2021 at 08:08 PM