



## Ronald "Ron" Eugene Murphy

July 8, 1941 - November 28, 2020

Mineral Point - Ronald E. Murphy, age 79, passed away peacefully after a short illness on November 28, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at St. Mary's Hospital. Ron was born on July 8, 1941, in Dodgeville, the son of Ernest and Ruth (Richards) Murphy.

Ron grew up in Dodgeville, attending Dodgeville High School where he excelled on both the baseball diamond and football field, earning first team all-state honors in football in 1958. After graduation in 1959, Ron went on to play football at UW-Platteville and graduated with a Bachelor's of Education in 1964. He married the love of his life, Linda Lieder on June 8, 1968 and the two of them raised three sons and enjoyed a strong faith-based marriage of 52 incredible years through the time of his passing.

Ron was a beloved teacher in the Mineral Point School District for 37 years, teaching Physical Education and Driver's Education. After his retirement from teaching in 2002, he continued to be the Driver's Ed instructor through 2013. Although Ron was an amazing teacher, most people in Mineral Point will remember him as "Coach" Murphy. During his time at Mineral Point High School, he spent 5 years coaching JV basketball and 30 years as the assistant baseball coach. He also coached Little League baseball along with his great friend, Greg Gorgen, so the Murphy and Gorgen boys could play together.

Coach Murphy, however, is most well-known for being the head football coach at Mineral Point High School, a position he held for 32 years until his retirement from coaching in 2000. He was a dedicated coach who taught his players the value of teamwork, discipline, and how to play the game the right way. In 2000, Ron was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, along with his brother, Dennis, the head coach at Black Hawk High School. Shortly after in 2005, Ron became a charter member of the Mineral Point Gridiron Hall of Fame. Then in 2011, Ron was inducted into the Dodgeville Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ron Murphy loved his role as a coach and teacher for so many years, but he would be the first to tell you the most important job in his life was being a good husband, father, and

grandfather. He excelled in all three of these roles beyond measure. As a husband, Ron was patient, attentive, and loving. He always put his wife's needs ahead of his own and loved her with every ounce of his being. As a father, Ron was always there for his three boys, Pat, Mike and Brian. He had the pleasure of coaching all three sons on their youth and high school sports teams, creating a special bond through sports. Ron was an incredible role model for his boys, leading by example on how to be loyal, driven, and love unconditionally. As a grandfather, Ron took great pride in watching his grandchildren do what they love.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Linda, sons, Pat (Brenda Seagreaves), Mike, and Brian (Angie) Murphy, grandchildren Austin (Mia), Paige, Gabi, Megan, Andrew, Chloe and Cade, and one great-grandchild arriving in May. He is also survived by his brother, Dennis (Millie) Murphy and sisters, Jean (Bruce) Thomas, Betty (Den) Phillips, and Mary Esch. His surviving in-laws are Tom (Terri) Lieder, Steven (Diane) Lieder, Jim (Mary) Lieder, and Mary (Scott) Harper, mother-in-law, Joyce Flum, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Ruth Murphy and in-laws, Bud Lieder and Robert Flum and brother-in-law John Esch.

A Private Family Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 4, 2020 at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. The Funeral will be live-streamed thru the St Mary & Paul's Church Facebook page starting at 12:45 p.m. on the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/Congregation-of-St-Mary-s-St-Pauls-113542338679461/>

Burial will be in St Mary's Cemetery at a later date.

A public visitation will be held on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point where masks and social distancing is required.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family that will be used at a later date to support the Mineral Point Community in Ron's name or can be mailed to the Gorgen Funeral Home. In addition, the family asks that you would engage in a random act of kindness this holiday season in Ron's memory because he was one of the kindest souls we have ever known. Although he is no longer with us in body, his spirit of kindness can live on in all of us.

# Cemetery

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## St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street  
Mineral Point, WI,

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 12:30PM

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Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church  
224 Davis Street, Mineral Point, WI, US, 53565

# Comments

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“ Blessings, Lisa (Palzkill) Miller Family purchased the Father - Large Memorial Stone for the family of Ronald "Ron" Eugene Murphy.



**Blessings, Lisa (Palzkill) Miller Family** - December 06, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Linda; my heart goes out to you! I am so sorry to hear the sad news about "Mr. Murphy". Words will never be enough to convey the thoughts and feelings that fill my head and heart now at the great loss to you and your family. Please know that we as a community share in your loss and pain - and hope that you take great care of yourselves today and the days to follow. I can not take your pain away, but I hope it gives you some comfort to know that you are loved and thought of with great affection and warmth. Long fierce hugs to you my friend!



**Mara S. Jensen (FKA Tamara Barrette)** - December 05, 2020 at 03:23 PM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Linda, Pat, Mike, and Brian Murphy and the rest of the Murphy family. His passing was not only a huge loss to the family, but to the entire Mineral Point Community. May the memories be treasured and shared and may they bring comfort and peace to the entire family as well as all who knew Ron.

**Fred Jaeckle** - December 04, 2020 at 08:10 AM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Eugene Murphy.



December 03, 2020 at 12:02 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Eugene Murphy.



December 03, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ To Linda, the Murphy “boys”, and their families our deepest condolences. What memories of Mr. Murphy. From being our gym teacher, to our coach in baseball & football (a gentle tug on the face mask always got your attention), to teaching us to drive. He taught us not only how to be men but gentlemen. As we grew older, the wonderful days on the golf course, and of course the card game that he ways always up for. And a better neighbor could not be found. I’m sure that Mr. Murphy and Big G are having a laugh, hopefully saying hi to Dad also. You will always be Mr. Murphy to me.

All our Best

Mark Thomas & Kelly Gundlach

Mark Thomas - December 02, 2020 at 10:29 PM

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“ our thoughts and prayers are with you all

Jeff and Keely Thmas - December 02, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to Linda and family.

**Margie(Ley)Sherwin** - December 02, 2020 at 03:45 PM

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“ Linda and family-so very, very sorry for your loss. Take comfort in the loving heart watching over you.

John & Diane Hermanson

**Diane Hermanson** - December 01, 2020 at 03:29 PM

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“ Ron and I taught together at MPHS the entire 31 years I was there. I can honestly say I think he is the only person I've ever known about whom an unkind word was never said. Ron was in a class all his own. As we shared the same birthday, for the past 20 years, even though living 800 miles apart, we would call one another to wish birthday greetings and usually "argue" who should have called first. A finer, more gentle and caring man I doubt I shall ever meet. See you "on the other side" soon, Coach. Bob Johnson

**Bob Johnson** - December 01, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ So well said Mr J

**Rob Finley** - December 01, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ I second that Rob....one of the best

**Larry Schmitz** - December 04, 2020 at 12:20 AM

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“ I am so sad to read about Ron's passing. I always enjoyed running into him. There was always a lot of joking and smiles. What a great legacy he has left in Mineral Point. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Angie Teasdale-Davis  
Benton

**Angie Teasdale Davis** - December 01, 2020 at 09:36 AM

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“ One of the many things I remember about Mr. Murphy (yep, I still call him that, even though he told me personally it was OKAY to call him Ron, now), is he ALWAYS had a smile and encouraging word. One of the "Good Guys" who will always be remembered by everyone who was fortunate enough to be able to know him, know his love of life and his love of his family! RIP Mr. Murphy (and when you see Mr. and Mrs. Moseley "up there", be sure to tell them I'm doin' just fine!)

Joan Mundth - December 01, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to Linda, the sons and all of their family in their loss. I have memories of Mr. Murphy going back to my pre-kindergarden days, and of course like most of the community he taught me how to drive. I was blessed to see him & Linda when I was home five years ago. His is a deeply felt loss to the people of Mineral Point. Rest well, Coach Murphy.

Lisa Heaton - November 30, 2020 at 10:59 PM

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“ “Mr. Murphy” is an instant memory anytime I think of my high school years. A gentle man that was a caring teacher and coach and taught me how to drive. His passing really hit me. He quite simply was a man larger than life to those of us who called Mineral Point home. I became good friends with Mike and Pat who had their dads kind spirit. I am so honored to have known this gentle man. God bless to all of you.

Rob Finley - November 30, 2020 at 09:54 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss Linda. Patrick and Mike. Ron was a great Teacher, Coach, and Friend. I will miss running into him on the street and exchanging jokes stories and just talking. I'll miss that smile and laugh of his. God Bless you all. Ron. R. I.P. old Friend.



Mark Groom - November 30, 2020 at 08:38 PM

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“ I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest condolences to the Murphy family during this difficult time. I had the pleasure of officiating many Mineral Point football games over the years and my respect for this man grew after each game. I can honestly say he only got on my case when I deserved it. His love of the game and more importantly the love of his players will never be forgotten. The Mineral Point community and school district has lost an icon. I cherish the friendship that we had over the years. He touched the lives of many and I am glad to add my name to that list. RIP Coach you will be missed by many!!!

**Mick Baxter** - November 30, 2020 at 06:41 PM

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“ We are so very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a great role model and a true friend to many people. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Murphy family.

Eric and Sue Reukauf

**Sue Reukauf** - November 30, 2020 at 04:28 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Murphy family. I truly enjoyed working with Ron at Mineral Point Elementary School. He was always a positive role model for students and adults. -Terry Hemann

**Terry Hemann** - November 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ Ron and his family were fabulous to me when I was in radio at WDMP. They were so nice and he was always accessible to do an interview for the pregame shows before we did MP football games and even coming up to the booth after games win lose or draw. You'd see him or any one of the Murphy's at a basketball game or in a business and they'd always take time to stop and say hello. A class act, the whole family. I've thought about them many times since I've been away. I'd run into Pat in Monroe and we'd always have a good talk. My condolences to the family and Pointer nation.

Brian Jeffery Lamboley  
Belleville WI

**Brian Lamboley** - November 30, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ From. Bob and Donna Johnson purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ronald "Ron" Eugene Murphy.



**From. Bob and Donna Johnson** - November 30, 2020 at 07:45 AM

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“ My prayers go out to the Murphy family. Linda I'm so sorry. Mr. Murphy is a great example of a wonderful teacher, father and great community leader. He made everyone around him feel important. I will ever forget him teaching us gymnastics in grade school and drivers education in high school. He was always so patient with all of his students. I loved how often I saw both Linda and him walk around town together. Sending my love to all of you.

**Rebecca Thiede** - November 29, 2020 at 11:33 PM

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“ Oh Linda I am so sorry Ron was one of a kind. Love and hugs. Maribeth Scholz Stivers

**Maribeth Scholz Stivers** - November 29, 2020 at 09:48 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Murphy family Ron was a great teacher and the love he showed for his family was heart warming

**Deb & Tim Riley** - November 29, 2020 at 09:36 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss Linda and family. Sue Persinger Nordby class of 1968.

**sue C Nordby** - November 29, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ Mr. Murphy not only taught us how to square dance and drive, he taught us how to be good human beings. He truly is a Mineral Point legend in our eyes. The friendship that he shared with our dad, will forever be cherished and appreciated. The friendship began when dad drove the bus for the football team. Then, they switched roles. Ron would pick dad up to go to sporting events. It didn't matter if it was a Mineral Point or Monroe athletic event, dad thoroughly enjoyed their trips together, followed up by a good old bowl of chili from Culver's. Thank you for the memories, Mr. Murphy, and may you rest in peace. Our deepest sympathy, The Gib Graber Family

**Diane Nice** - November 29, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ I had the privilege to have Mr Murphy as a teacher, drivers ed instructor, and a co worker. He was always positive and encouraging. He was truly a wonderful gentleman, and will be missed greatly. My prayers and thoughts are with Linda and the rest of the family during your time of great loss.

**Phil** - November 30, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to the Murphy family. I will always remember Mr .Murphy teaching behind the wheel drivers ed. The patients of Job!!

**Carol Barr Leigh** - November 30, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ Sending hugs, my love and prayers Linda to you and all your family in the loss of a truly special man. Treasure the good memories you are blessed with of him. Rosalie R. May

**Rosalie R. May** - November 30, 2020 at 11:07 PM