



Floyd E. Spoor

December 16, 2023

Mineral Point – Floyd E. Spoor, a man renowned for his extraordinary generosity and unwavering kindness, peacefully embraced eternal rest on Saturday, December 16, 2023, alongside his adoring wife at their home. He was born on October 4, 1949, to Floyd and Doris Spoor and grew up across various places in Northern Indiana before settling in Lowell, IN during his junior year of high school, where he found his soulmate.

On August 28, 1971, Floyd married the love of his life, Claudia (Luebcke). Their journey together led them through Purdue University, where they lived in married student housing while pursuing their degrees. Floyd loved playing handball while in college and enjoyed playing in softball leagues after graduation and throughout his life. From there, Floyd ventured into teaching shop class at Camden-Frontier School in Michigan.

Floyd deeply loved his in-laws, who embraced him wholeheartedly, offering unwavering love and support. Their legacy continues to resonate within the Spoor family, a testament to the profound impact of their relationship with Floyd.

Floyd cherished moments spent fishing, hunting, playing cards, and woodworking alongside Claudia, relishing time with family and friends. His dedication to helping others extended into his Tech Ed classes, where he

imparted knowledge in welding, woodworking, mechanical drawings, small gas engines, graphic art, autobody, and metalworking. Remarkably, in his spare time, he even taught welding to convicts in Michigan, undeterred by the challenges.

Floyd and Claudia welcomed two sons into their family and moved to Kenosha, WI, where Floyd taught graphic arts and printing at Bullen JR High. Soon after, Floyd received a teaching job in Mineral Point, WI and moved his family there to make a home. They found the perfect house, that only needed a “little work”. Together as a family, they made that house a home and met many amazing people in their community that they now call friends.

He immersed himself in sports, coaching baseball, football, basketball, and track, discovering his true passion in wrestling. His selflessness and dedication led to multiple recognitions and inductions into the wrestling hall of fame, a testament to his commitment to nurturing young talents. Floyd took immense pride in running the VICA club in Mineral Point, fostering a community where, at times, over half of the student body became club members. His passion for education led him to organize fundraisers, providing students with enriching opportunities like trips and Super Bowl parties.

After retiring from Mineral Point, Floyd continued teaching Technical Education at Darlington High School, remaining dedicated to shaping young minds.

Beyond education and sports, Floyd and Claudia's love for dogs blossomed into Sleepy Valley Kennels, LLC., a venture that reflected their enduring passion. Their dedication to serving the community was honored when they were recognized as Mineral Point's Citizens of the Year. Floyd was also recognized as the Walmart Teacher of the Year, and the ADRC Teacher of the Year,

However, Floyd's deepest joy lay in his grandchildren. In retirement, he wholeheartedly devoted himself to creating cherished moments with them, imparting invaluable lessons and values. You could find him dancing with them, shopping to pass time, playing any sports, teaching them to line draw and operate all the tools for woodworking, dog chores, driving through the fields, fishing at Lake Joy, hunting gophers, or getting into some kind of project with any one of them. Throughout the years, Floyd has shared memorable quotes like "It's almost Friday," "Are the boys coming today?" and a timeless reminder that "Choices have Consequences." Floyd's legacy also includes teaching his children not to say, "I Can't,".

During the summer you would find him enjoying his second true love, the Cubs! He also enjoyed anything car related and attended several car shows and his favorite was restoring his 1963 Chevy Impala with his family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 3:00 until 7:00 PM and on Friday from 9:30 until 10:50 AM all at the HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH in Mineral Point. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH. Pastor Kate Kieckhafer will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery following. A luncheon will be held at the Quality Inn in Mineral Point following the burial.

To honor Floyd, please wear your CUBS, Mineral Point, or Purdue gear to the visitation and funeral.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Floyd Spoor Benefit Fund at Farmers Savings Bank (305 Doty Street, Mineral Point, WI) to be used for a scholarship in memory of Floyd or Upland Hills Hospice.

Floyd's legacy lives on through his devoted wife Claudia of 52 years; his two sons: Eric (Tiffany) Neenah; and Andy (Jackie) Mineral Point; his five grandchildren: Ellen, Allison, Lydia, Blake, and Beckett. Brothers and sisters: Jeannine (Don) Curtis, Lowell IN; Ray (Cathy) Spoor, Williston FL; Nancy Spoor, Manistee MI; Ralph (Teri) Spoor Manistee, MI; Bill (Cindy) Spoor Crown Point IN; Bob (Cindy) Spoor, Hammond IN; Tom (Lorena) Spoor, Platteville WI; sister-in-law, Sue and Dave Stamm, Anamosa IA and brother-in-law Dan (Rebecca Smith) Luebcke, Sierra Vista AZ. Along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother Doris Spoor, father Floyd Spoor, sisters Clarice Tryon, Dorothy (Cookie) Austin, his father-in-law Wilfried Luebcke, and his mother-in-law Anne Luebcke.

Floyd Spoor was a remarkable individual whose kindness and generosity touched us all deeply, leaving behind a legacy that touched countless lives. He showed us the true essence of how people should treat one another, and for that, we are forever grateful.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

800 Fair Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church
555 Commerce Street
Mineral Point, WI

Visitation

DEC 22. 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

WE

“ My deepest sympathy to Claudia and the rest of the family. He had a very profound way of teaching and making students interested. He was such a kind man. I will always remember when he took some members of the Outdoorsman Club to Canada in 2007. That was a truly amazing experience!

Wes Ellery - December 22, 2023 at 09:43 AM

MG

“ Deepest sympathy Claudia and family in the time of your loss of Floyd. He touched so many lives in his career. All of my kids loved you both. R.I.P. Floyd. Prayers from our family to yours. God bless.

Mark and Laurie Groom - December 21, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ Mr Spoor as I knew him 25 years ago had a calming presence that made people around him also feel good. As I teach today I also hope my students get Floyds' love and compassion from me too. Sympathies to all close friends and his AMAZING FAMILY

Marcus Miller - December 19, 2023 at 10:25 AM

CM

“ My sympathies to you Claudia and boys and families. Floyd was a good friend and impacted our kids' lives in many beneficial ways during the stresses of their high school years...and after. A great teacher and coach; a valuable asset to the Mineral Point community. I enjoyed interacting with him when visiting his classroom, at a wrestling match and at church. Thank you, Floyd.
Chris Miller

Christopher Miller - December 18, 2023 at 08:07 PM

KB

“ So sorry Claudia, Floyd definitely picked the right career. He was a great educator, co-worker and person in general. His knowledge and personality will be missed by many. I am so fortunate to have met and learned from him.

Kris Buschor - December 18, 2023 at 09:19 AM

BC

“ My condolences to Claudia and family. Floyd had the respect and love of all those who knew him. He touched many young lives in his life and made them better for it. Betty Coyier

Betty Coyier - December 18, 2023 at 08:22 AM

BJ

“ What wonderful colleagues Floyd and Claudia were with whom to teach at MPHS. Floyd had that unique character to put the "fear of God" in you if you deserved it, or to melt your heart with the love he had for students and colleagues alike. Joel and Kerry's tribute summed up Floyd's impact. It went far beyond the classroom or athletic field. It transformed many lives, the goal of any superior teacher.

Bob Johnson - December 18, 2023 at 06:20 AM

JM

“ I never met a man with the capacity to experience and show all the emotions from the most tender caring, all the way to the toughest and most intense coaching moments. There was nothing more comforting than when he would put his hand on your shoulder or head after a tough match and that always made me feel better. He was such a funny and knowledgeable and all around great person. I'll miss you!

Joel Miller - December 17, 2023 at 07:44 AM

RM

“ *Deepest sympathy Claudia and family in your loss of Floyd. He touched many lives in his career. Rosalie May*

Rosalie May - December 17, 2023 at 12:37 AM

KK

“ *Mr Spoor was a great teacher, coach, mentor and friend. He will be missed dearly. I owe him a lot for keeping me on the right path, my life could have turned out much differently if he hadn't taken a personal interest in me in school. My deepest sympathies go out to Claudia and all of the family. Be proud in his accomplishments and take solace in the fact that he was loved by many.*

Kerry Kligora - December 16, 2023 at 08:41 PM