



## Royce G. Reeves

June 21, 1934 - July 5, 2013

Duluth, MN / Dodgeville - Royce G. Reeves age 79, of Duluth, MN, formerly of Dodgeville, WI passed away July 5, 2013.

Royce was born on June 21, 1934, a son of the late Albert Reeves and Fay Kalish. He graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1952.

Royce was awarded a basketball scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where he received a bachelors and masters degree. At UW-Platteville he was a 4-year letterman and two-time all conference in basketball and baseball. He was no. 6 all time scorer in Pioneer basketball history with 1,274 points and he was inducted into the U.W.-Platteville Pioneer Hall of Fame. He taught and coached at Platteville High School for many years and his Hillmen teams won 5 SWAL titles and had the most consecutive conference wins at 37. Hillmen went to state in 1967. He then went on to coach and teach at UW-Platteville. Royce spent the last years of his teaching career at Lakeland High School in Minocqua, WI teaching American History and coaching baseball. He was a loved teacher at Lakeland being voted "best teacher of the year" many years in a row. He loved hunting and fishing with his son Randy.

His children and grandchildren loved him dearly and he was a friend to many. His spirit and sense of humor lives on for those who knew him.

Royce is survived by his sister, Lois (Bill) McKinley, of Dodgeville; his children, Randy (Ashley) Reeves, of Highland, WI, Jane (Jesse Buggs) Reeves, of Lanesboro, MN and Pam (Mike) Wiseman, of Duluth, MN; his grandchildren, Brandon (June) Ivers, Ivy (Ben) Tehari, Cole, Dustin, Jack, Wyatt and Blake Reeves, Hunter & Lydia Wiseman; great granddaughter, Audrey Ivers; dear and loyal friends, Fred and Linda Morley of Minocqua; many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert Reeves and Fay Kalish, his sisters Eileen and Maxine and his brother, Carol "Toby".

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. Rev. Steven Kottke will officiate. Inurnment will be held in East Side Cemetery. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Royce G. Reeves

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I was a former student-athlete at Platteville High School from 1963-1967. As such, I had Coach Reeves as a teacher and a coach. My most notable memory of Coach Reeves was on November 22, 1963. He was our World History teacher, a 1:00 p.m. class immediately following lunch. During that day's lunch hour, news began to circulate about a shooting in Dallas involving President Kennedy, but nothing was known for certain. It was during the subsequent 1:00 p.m. classes that the announcement of the President's death was confirmed on the school's PA system. In our class, there was a shocked hush. Coach Reeves called for a couple of moments of silence, after which he stated, "You'll remember this moment for the rest of your lives." Though I haven't seen Coach Reeves for many, many years, I've often thought of that moment and his astute handling of the situation. Godspeed, Coach.*

**Bill Dixon** - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 AM



“ *I just always remember that Coach Reeves had a smile on his face!! My husband, Louie, has many more memories as a basketball player for Coach Reeves.*

**Donna Spensley Lawinger** - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 AM

TK

“ Royce was my first Phys. Ed. teacher, and as such was influential in my decision to pursue a teaching and coaching career. I fondly remember him leading us in games and exercises at the rural school where I first met him. He always seemed to enjoy his classes with us. I remember him as a wonderful coach with an outstanding blend of humor and the ability to motivate.

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**terry kramer** - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 AM

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“ Dear Randy, Jane, and Pam,  
Sending you our heartfelt thoughts and prayers. May your dad's memories live on in the loved ones around you. Take care and God bless.

*Annie and Scott*

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**Annie and Scott Russell** - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 AM

MK

“ Randy and Family  
Your Dad was not only a great friend, but also an excellent fishing partner who knew all the hot spots near the Booi's Wilderness Lodge, Red Lake, Ontario.  
A great man gone all too soon!  
*Mel and Roselle Karau*

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**mel and Roselle Karau** - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 AM

JP

“ Rest in PEACE COACH.

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**Jim Pothour** - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 AM

KM

“ Royce you were my hero in Basketball as a Coach, you inspired me to work hard and I did, but basketball never came for me, Instead found a different why, I ended up At the same University you went to, Platteville State. I went on to Coach wrestling and baseball and golf as asst. I asked God at one time in my early life if I could Coach and my dream came true, and that why I always thought of you. Royce you were the Best, hope to see you someday. your friend Kent McPhail. One more thing you did help a lot of people.

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**Kent McPhail** - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 AM