



Phillip R. Rundle

August 27, 1944 - April 25, 2015

Phillip R. Rundle, age 70, of Brodhead, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, WI. He was born on August 27, 1944 in Monroe, WI, the son of Milo and Clara (Bredeson) Rundle. His first marriage was to Carla Swiggum. She passed away in 1982. He married Mary L. Popanz on August 19, 1983 in Brodhead, WI. Phil was a member of the United Methodist Church, Brodhead and taught at the Brodhead Middle School for 36 years, retiring in 2001. While teaching, he also coached the middle school boys and girls basketball teams, and also was involved with high school wrestling. He served on the Brodhead City Council, was past-president, also served on many other committees, including the Public Safety Committee, and was a board member of the Brodhead Water and Light Commission. He enjoyed traveling, bowling, being outdoors and doing yardwork, antiques - especially tractors and cars, hunting, four-wheeling, was an avid Packer and Badger fan, mentoring kids, but most important to Phil was his family. He is survived by his wife Mary, Brodhead; a son, Justin (Liz) Rundle, Menomonee Falls, WI; a daughter, Robin (Kalen) Marsden, Monroe, WI; two sisters-in-law, Rosie Rundle, Pleasant Prairie, WI and Rose Rundle, Monroe, WI, and many loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, and two brothers, David in 1986 and Myron in 1988. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at the United Methodist Church, Brodhead, with Pastors Neil Swiggum and Pat Soddy officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood

Cemetery, Brodhead. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at the D.L. NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, BRODHEAD, WI. A memorial fund will be established.

Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Mary, Justin, Robin, Kalen and Liz. I am devastated at your loss. I don't have the words to express how sad I am. You all are in my prayers and thoughts. Much love Bernie*

Bernie - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MS

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you in the lost of your husband and Father. Phil was a wonderful man and we will all miss him. My heart & prayers are with all of you..
Love, Marcia*

Marcia Swiggum - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JO

“ *so sorry for your loss mr rundel was my teacher and i liked him very much, prayers to you and your family.*

joanna olsen - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RW

“ *My sincerest sympathies. He was a a great teacher. I was a student way back in the '70s. His influence will live on indefinitely, through the countless lives he has touched.*

Roger Whitehead - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DW

“ Mary, Justin and Robin, we're so saddened at hearing of Phil's passing. Our hearts and prayers go out to you at this tragic time. So many great memories to help get you through these days ahead of you, hold on to all of them. Again, we have you in our thoughts and prayers.

Dean and Nancy Walters - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

ML

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

Marline Vernon Lehmann - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RF

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. He was first my teacher, then our kids. A great teacher, a good man. He will be missed by Brodhead.....everyday is a gift. I believe he will always be near to you. May you find comfort in believing too.

Randy and Brenda Fowler family - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

TS

“ So very sorry to hear this he was a great teacher an a good man he will be missed by alot

tammy sweeney (scheider) - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RF

“ Mary, Justin and Robin, we just wanted to let you know our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time. Nothing we can say will ease your pain but just wanted you to know we are thinking of you. Love to you and your family.

Rob & Tammy Riemer Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ *Teacher, Mentor, Colleague, Friend. Phil was all of these to me. Many memories and lessons learned. Your service to Brodhead's youth, and it's citizens have been touched by your involvement in our lives.*

John Bernstein - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JL

“ *So, sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful teacher.*

Jacaueline Crist Lombard - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DO

“ *Mary and family
Our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts are with you in this sad time.
Dan and Lorraine Olson*

Dan and Lorraine Olson - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

KB

“ *My deepest sympathy in your loss. May God be at your side.*

Kathy Larson Brandenburg - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Phil was one of a kind.*

Connie Reifsteck - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MM

“ *Mary and family,
Our sincere sympathy. We are thinking about you and your family
during this difficult time.*

Mary & Gary Mason - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DS

“ Dear Mary and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine what you are experiencing. I love you so very much, and was just thinking about you and wondering how you were doing. It was only today that I read about your loss. My prayer is that God will fill you with His peace, that He will surround you and encompass you with His love, and hold you in the palm of His hand. I pray He will meet your every need. He knows all things. He understands your sadness and pain, and only He can meet these great needs. With love and prayer! Diane and Randy Swagger

Diane L. Swagger - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

HS

“ Mary and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Phil was such a kind and compassionate person, who truly cared about all kids. Heaven has a new teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Heidi and Bob

Heidi Schmidt - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CI

“ Wow, sad to hear of his passing. He will be missed, Mr Rundle was one of my teachers as well and a great teacher at that. My condolences.

Connie Isely - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CD

“ I was saddened to hear the news of Phil's passing. He was one of my favorite teachers during my time at Brodhead Middle School. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of need.

Carmen Pinnow Demeny - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

AM

“ Our prayers go to the Rundle family. He was always so kind at the parent/teacher conferences. He was my favorite teacher as well as my children's. A true advocate for young people in the school system!

Amy and Bruce Mills - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

BM

“ My heart hurts today to hear of Mr. Rundles passing! He was the best teacher I had in high school, he was one of them who made you want to go to school! He will be missed! My thoughts are with his family!!

Becky Mason - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

PH

“ Sorry for your loss. He was my homeroom 6th grade teacher. I really liked him as a teacher. Rip....

Peggy (Kethcart) Haberman - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SB

“ My family moved to Brodhead when I was entering 6th grade. Mr Rundle was my homeroom teacher. He guided me through that year (and the following in Jr High), always available for an after school visit & chat. A couple of years ago I wanted to write him and tell him that he is my favorite teacher still... ALWAYS. I remember him with a smile. Peace, love, and prayers to his family.

Sharon Waller Blanchette - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SB

“ *Mary and family -- I was so sorry to learn about Phil. The parting at the death of a loved one is so devastating whether it is expected or sudden. There are two things that have helped me through those losses. 1. prayer, and 2. knowing that we will see them again, and that our parting is actually very brief, though at first that is hard to comprehend. May this knowledge also help you through the days and months to come. Thinking of you.*

Susan

Behrens

susan behrens - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JJ

“ *My condolences to both family and close friends. I had Mr Rundle in Middle School when his children were small. He was great at what he did!! My prayers to all and deep sympathy during this difficult time.*

Jamie Jones - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

PW

“ *There are no words to say,just wanted you to know that your in our thoughts and prayers*

Phil & Luann Wolden - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DN

“ *Mary,I'm so sorry to hear about Phil. My heart goes out to you and your family .*

Donna Niedermeier - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CM

“ *It is with heavy hearts we send our condolences. Phil added so much joy, love, and laughter to all of us since he joined our family almost 33 years ago. We were blessed to be able to call him family.*

All our love Mary, Justin, Robin, Liz, and Kalen. We'll be there Tuesday. Love, All from Alabama

Carol and Mo Momeny - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

TK

“ *Mary, Robin, Justin, Liz and Kalen.*

I am so shocked and sad to hear of Phil's passing. Many memories of him as a teacher as well as coming over to your house with Joanna. I will never forget the pride on his face when Robin was born. He was such a proud Dad and husband. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as you go through these next few days. Hugs, I so sorry for your loss.

Theresa (Woelky) Klemm - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ *Jesus has given a welcome hug to a very fine man.*

Jim always considered Phil a valued friend at the Middle School and we are both sad at his passing. Mary and family, we pray that you will feel God's peace, grace and mercy at this difficult time and that the family and friends around you will give you comfort.

Jim and Cynthia Streuly - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

PD

“ *Mary, Justin, Robin, Liz and Kalen*
We are so shocked and sad. Phil was always a great "addition" to our Golden Girls gatherings.....standing in the kitchen.... laughing along with us all...or just shaking his head in disbelief at what would come out of our mouths. He will be missed in so many ways, by so many people.
Love,
Peggy & Dave

Peggy and Dave Dallman - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SL

“ *Mr. Rundle was a wonderful teacher and helped instill in me a lifelong love of science and of learning. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Sarah Lamont - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

BM

“ *Mary I am so sorry for your loss, it is a hard time now but your memories will get you through the ruff times. If you need some one to talk to please call or stop by I am here for you.*
Barb Menehan

Barb Menehan - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

EK

“ *Deepest sympathies to you and your family.*

Ed Keen - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JW

“ *Mary and family, I was very shocked to hear about Mr. Rundle. He was my 6th grade teacher. Mr. Rundle was a Great teacher!!!! Sorry for your loss!!!! Jodi (Schupbach) Williams*

Jodi (Schupbach) Williams - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SC

“ *My deepest sympathy... i cannot express the impact he made on me as a teacher. He made his classroom something you wanted to go to. He created an eagerness to learn in me. I remember nearly every single experiment we did. Every animal we dissected. There is absolutely no words that will help right now... but if there's anything i can do for you, please let me know.*

Shana Cook - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RK

“ *Saw Mr. Rundle 1 year ago at the golf course, still called him Mr. Rundle, he was a little embarrassed. Lots of Respect for him!! Prayers to the Family.*

Randy Kamps - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RV

“ Mary and family, I am so, so sorry for your loss. What a legacy Phil left - he influenced so many lives in school, students, parents, and staff; and as a public servant, he was knowledgeable, made well thought-out and fair decisions. Hubie enjoyed serving with him on the council; respected and appreciated him. Phil was liked by everyone, always had a ready smile and gave you his full attention when talking with him. He was a great example of a caring, dedicated individual and will surely be missed. Memories will be treasured and are priceless. May your faith and trust in the Lord for the promise of life everlasting bring you comfort along with all the support of your family and friends.

Rita Vickers - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SL

“ Mary, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have much respect for "Mr. Rundle"; he was a great teacher and a wonderful, caring man.

Sherri Liptow - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

GG

“ Mary and family, Thinking of you during this difficult time. Sympathy and prayers being sent your way. We're so sorry for your loss, Georgena and Wade Gibson

Georgena and Wade Gibson - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

BR

“ Rundle family, I am so sorry for your loss; sending prayers during this difficult time. The amazing legacy Mr. Rundle left will live on forever; you couldn't even begin to count the amount of lives he influenced. He will be deeply missed.

Brielle (Schlittler) Reicks - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ I am deeply saddened by your loss. He was loved by all and a respected member of the community. My sincere sympathy to the entire family.

Prayers for your strength and understanding - and that you will soon find comfort in your memories of this wonderful man.

Janet Green Bartz - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

AL

“ Mary, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Phil touched many lives including our 3 boys. May all your wonderful memories be a comfort to you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ann and Paul Lewid - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

ST

“ Praying for your family at this difficult time of loss. May God meet all your needs in the weeks and months to come. Susan and Gil

Susan (Hanner) Tidman - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RF

“ Mary,
Our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.
Fondly, Randy and Betsy

Randy Pinnow and Betsy Fox - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CP

“ I first remember Mr. Rundle as my Science Teacher in 6th grade. I was not gifted in Science, but he was a gifted teacher . I remember seeing Mr. Rundle at church, wearing the first pair of white dress shoes I had seen in Brodhead. A snappy dresser,with a great sense of style. Many years later I sang at Phil and Mary's wedding and went to one of the most fun wedding receptions I have ever been to! Mary and Phil, a perfect couple. Phil was a part of the "Red Singers" (the Popanz clan!) who sang to our family during my journey with leukemia. A tradition we followed for several years. Phil and Mary were also most kind and loving to my Mom, and she loved them, too. This fall my brother Merritt and I stopped by the Rundle house to deliver "heirlooms" of the Popanz family we had found while going through Mom's things. Phil was the only one home. We had the best visit with Phil. He was so happy. When he talked about his children, his joy radiated. Tom and I send our deepest sympathy. It was a privilege to know Phil.

Connie Sue and Tom Prochnow - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

NG

“ Mary and family, so sorry to hear about Phil. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of need.

Naomi Erickson Gourley - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

VB

“ Deepest sympathies. So very sorry to hear of your loss. Phil was such a great teacher and impacted so many youth during his teaching years. He will be fondly remembered by many. Prayers and thoughts to you and yours during this most difficult time.

vanita baumgartner - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JO

“ Dear Mary and Family,

Michael and I are very sorry for your loss. Phil was such a great person and we enjoyed getting to know him. Even though we didn't attend Brodhead schools growing up, we could see what a wonderful teacher and mentor he would have been to all the Brodhead students who were lucky enough to have him as their teacher. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jamie and Michael Olson - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ Mary and family, So sorry to hear of Mr. Rundle's passing. He was my 6th grade homeroom teacher and one of the best! Such a gentle spirit with a love for teaching and mentoring kids. I can still picture his little blue corvair parked along the curb on 10th Street in front of the Middle School. May the love of family and friends comfort you at this time and God's peace surround you all. RIP Mr. Rundle.

Judy (Searles) Baldwin - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DW

“ Oh Mary and children, n families. Breaks my our hearts that such a wonderful man, husband, father has passed. He will certainly never be replaced, all the wonderful things that he did in his life. Sympathy, hugs n love to all. So many awesome memories will help in your upcoming years, You will all be blessed with them. Prayers and thoughts of all in many years to come.

Don and Brenda Wahl - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I have fond memories of his class. He was a great teacher.

Samantha Halvorson - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

TF

“ *Mary, Justin, Robin & the Rundle family:*

It is with great sadness that we send this to you. Phil was a great teacher, friend and colleague for a career of teaching. He had given so much to so many and will be thought of often and missed by everyone who had the pleasure of spending time with him. We share in your loss, and hope you can have joy knowing that he shared so much with so many in his life. God bless.

Terry & Karen Flanagan - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

VO

“ *Mary and Family, We are very sorry to hear of your great loss. You have our deepest sympathy. Sincerely, Mike and Valerie Olsen*

Valerie & Mike Olsen - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JF

“ *Mary, It is indeed hard to lose your partner of many years. My deepest sympathy to you. He was a vital part of our community and will be missed by many. Please extend my sympathies to all those who loved him.*

With deepest sympathy, Juanita Flater

Juanita (Schwartzlow) Flater - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JM

“ *Mary, I was so sorry to hear about Phil. I spent many hours in City meetings with him. He was always the enjoyable part of them. Our prayers and sympathies to your family.*

Joella and Don Miller - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a very special man, and my favorite male teacher. I loved the way he laughed at me in 6th grade when I gave a silly answer instead of reprimanding me. He was a gem.

Michelle (Schneider) Blackman - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JR

“ Mary and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Rundle was a kind, compassionate, and driven teacher. I am thankful to have been a student of his.

I am sincerely sorry for your loss. Jean

Jean (Rufer) Randles - May 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM