



Julius Dayle Harding

August 23, 1945 - July 9, 2018

Mr. Julius Dayle Harding, age 72, of Douglasville, GA., passed away Monday July 9th at his residence.

Survivors include his sisters Jane (Wayne) Penton of Jacksonville, Jennie (Gary) Wolfe of Chattanooga, TN; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Harding was born in Chattanooga, TN and resided most of his life in Sand Rock; then later moved to Douglasville, GA. He is the son of the late Farris and Mary Smith Harding. Mr. Harding retired from teaching at Sand Rock School and was an avid musician.

Tribute Wall

PO

“*Dayle and I were friends and classmates at Chattanooga Central. Even at that early age he was a true gentleman with a big heart...one of the good guys. I admired Dayle's musical talent and still remember well his full, resonant singing voice. May he rest now in eternal peace.*

Patrick Owens

Kauai, HI

Patrick Owens - August 20, 2018 at 05:20 PM

CS

“*Dayle was one of my first acquaintances as a freshman at Chattanooga Central High in the fall of 1959. Dayle and I served as pages for Senior Day later that school year -- an honor for plebes. Dayle was unique in that he was the only kid I've ever known who looked comfortable wearing a gaudy bow tie. Nearly fifty-nine years later I am greatly saddened that Dayle has gone and we'll never meet again, at least wearing bow ties. Ten years ago I read Dayle's interview with the Tuscaloosaneews.com and his description of the Green family of Sand Rock as a "notch above others", and that's the way I'll always remember Dayle.*

Godspeed Mr. Harding! I hope you're as successful in your next performance as you were in this one.

Charlie Sedman

Hillsborough, NC

Class of 1963, Chattanooga Central High

Charles Sedman - July 18, 2018 at 08:49 PM

BM

“ *Mr. Harding was one of my favorite teachers! I still remember stories he would tell and the way he could his students to connect. He is one of the reasons why I became a teacher. I could never be as good as he was!*

I was also fortunate to have him play at my wedding.

A quick story...

One day, a few of my friends and I played a trick on Scott Stimpson. (sorry)

We told Scott that he could not out shake Mr. Harding's hand. So, Scott went up to

Mr. Harding and shook his hand and started to squeeze it. All of sudden, Scott was almost to his knees. All of the guys found out quickly, you can't out squeeze a pianist!!!

We are going to miss you.

Bobby Mouchet

Bobby Mouchet - July 17, 2018 at 10:02 AM

MN

“ *I was a classmate of Dayle's and we played in the Central High Orchestra together. We were friends and I appreciated his talent and friendship. This was sad news today (July 13) but Dayle was a special friend years ago and I will always have him in my memory. My sincere condolences to the family.*

Mary Jo Newman

Class of 63

Mary Jo Newman - July 13, 2018 at 09:38 PM

AS

I shall always cherish my friendship with Harding. He introduced me to my husband of 50 years. We were next-door neighbors in Geraldine. In the summer, we would raise the windows and play piano duets.

RIP my friend

Ann Sisco

Ann Sisco - July 20, 2018 at 05:15 PM

MP

“*Mr Harding was a great friend of mine and I will never forget him, I will tell you that he did love teaching very much and that he was devoted to his students. Also, he loved his family very much, even-though sometimes it didn't seem that way. Rest now my great friend.*



Michael Pye - July 13, 2018 at 08:02 AM

CC

“*Mr. Harding was one of my favorite teachers at Sand Rock. He was always considerate of others and made learning enjoyable. I still remember him telling of a time when he was a kid and heard one day there would be an oven that cooked without flames or a heating element. He said it seemed like science fiction to him at the time. Now we have microwaves ovens. Mr. Harding was entertaining and always the teacher all students liked.*

Charles Chesnut - July 12, 2018 at 01:17 PM

CR

“ *Mr Harding taught at Fyffe High School in the early seventies. He was so devoted and passionate about teaching and deeply cared for his students. He caught us rolling his yard one Halloween and instead of being mad at us, he insisted we come in for snacks. I think he understood that getting your yard rolled on Sand Mountain was a form of flattery. He was always encouraging us to reach for the stars. The last time I saw Mr Harding was at my 15 year class reunion in 1988. He sat across from me and my wife and he was still dishing out encouragement.*

Chris Richey - July 12, 2018 at 11:09 AM

AH

“ *So sorry to hear about his passing. He was my all time favorite teacher! He would always uplift never put one down. He was the reason I passed college English I would go get his help. I still use his saying all the time there is more than one way to get to Leesburg. When I look at my high school years I always think of him! He was a great person . He will be missed!*

April Helms - July 12, 2018 at 10:20 AM

RE

“ *Mr. Harding was more than just a great teacher, he encouraged his students to always seek more in life and expand our horizons. He touched so many lives. I am so grateful for his guidance in my own life. He was greatly respected and will be greatly missed.*
Becky Boatwright Estes

REBECCA ESTES - July 10, 2018 at 05:02 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Harding was my favorite teacher. I could sit and listen to him read for hours. I was so well prepared for college English all because of him. He had a special gift. Later on in life he helped sell us our first home. I have such fond memories of him.*



Michelle Daniel Marlow - July 09, 2018 at 08:46 PM

Maxine Kaylor

“ *Mr. Harding was my favorite teacher of all times. He was one of the reasons I continued school and didn't become a high school drop out. I have the most fond memories of him in English. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Maxine Kaylor - July 09, 2018 at 08:16 PM

TW

“ *Traci Mackey Whestine lit a candle in memory of Julius Dayle Harding*



Traci Mackey Whestine - July 09, 2018 at 07:31 PM