



Frank M. Blackburn

March 5, 2008

Frank M. Blackburn, age 90, formerly of Forest, OH now residing in West Liberty, OH died at Green Hills Care Center, West Liberty, OH at 3:00 a.m. Wed. Mar. 5, 2008. He was born Aug. 16, 1917 in Byesville, OH to the late Thomas S. and M. Mildred (Spaid) Blackburn. He married Vera E. Tallman on Mar. 29, 1941 and she survives in West Liberty, OH. He is survived by a daughter, Karen (John) Roettger, West Liberty, OH and a son, Al (Jacki) Blackburn, Southport, NC, 4 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, sisters, Mrs. Orland (Corinne) Ruby, Sebring, OH and Marsena Miller, Richwood, OH. He is preceded in death by a grandson Michael J. Blackburn. He was a graduate of Byesville High School and Ohio University. He received a Master's Degree from Ohio State University. He began his teaching career at Broadway Schools in Union Co. in 1939.

He was Hardin Co. Superintendent of Schools from 1956-1976. Other schools where he was superintendent were, 1 year at Bellpoint, 7 years at Byhalia-York and 2 years at Forest. He spent 37 years in education, 30 years as an administrator. He was an income tax preparer for 25 years.

Mr. Blackburn was a 4 1/2 year veteran of the United States Army during WW 11 and was discharged as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Mr. Blackburn was a member of Forest United Methodist Church where he was the former treasurer for 26 years, former member of Board of Trustees and was on the Pastoral Relations Committee. He was a member of Senate Lodge #378 F & AM, charter member of the Park Board and was an Election

Board Member for 15 years, Forest, OH. He was on the Riverdale Board of Education for 8 years, Ohio and Hardin Co. Retired Teachers Association and Buckeye Association of School Administration.

Funeral services will be held Mon. Mar. 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home with Pastors Steve Umphress & Dennis Livingston officiating. Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Mar. 11, 2008 at York Center Cemetery, York Center, OH. with full military graveside services conducted by McVitty VFW Post #1182 and American Legion Post #259, both of Forest, OH.

Visitation will be held Sun. Mar. 9, 2008 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Forest United Methodist Church or Home Health and Hospice, Sidney, OH in care of CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843. Visit www.shieldsfh.com to share a memory, leave a condolence or to view his Life Tribute Video.

'<http://videos.lifetributes.com?redirect=1&id=14388>'

Tribute Wall



“ As a graduate of McGuffey High School when Mr. Blackburn was Hardin County superintendent, I have always respected the name of Frank Blackburn. My condolences to his family and thanks for sharing him and his guidance with many, many students over the years.##imported-begin##Dr. Kenneth Collins##imported-end##

March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire Blackburn family.##imported-begin##Bill and Susie James##imported-end##

March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Carey & Shirley Kneisley and family##imported-end##

March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, John & family-

Our thoughts and prayers are with you @ this time. May your precious memories and loving moments last forever.##imported-begin##Jon & Angela Wells##imported-end##

March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Al, Our prayers and thoughts are with you##imported-begin##Tom & Michelle Grochowski##imported-end##

March 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Al and Karen it's been a long time sence we talked,our thoughts and prayers are with you at this.Gary & Jo Anne Crawford###imported-begin###gary crawford (orlando fl.)###imported-end##*

March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers and sympathies are with you and your family at this time. Mr. Blackburn had the respect of every student during his time as Superintendent. He was a notable man and will be missed.*

Thinking of you,

Judy & Vic Von Blon

St. Marys, OH###imported-begin###Judy & Vic Von Blon###imported-end##

March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Entire Blackburn Family: We wish to extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Wonderful Husband, Father and Grandfather. He will be missed.*

Ron and Lee Ann Loveridge###imported-begin###Ron & Lee Ann Loveridge###imported-end##

March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Al, Jacki and the Blackburn family,
Our sympathies, prayers and love go out to all of you. We read the
write-up in the Blade and know you have all lost a wonderful man
who contributed so much to education, the community, the country
and his family.*

*from: Jo and Jack McPherson##imported-begin##Jo and Jack
McPherson##imported-end##*

March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ In 1971 County Superintendent Frank Blackburn and District Superintendent Jack C. Burgess, met in Jack C. Burgess's living room to interview and take a chance on a new college grad from West Virginia with only Sunday School for experience, whose resume read, simply, "I can teach anything.".

When hired by Riverdale Local Schools, I served as teacher, work-study coordinator ,started the districts first high school special education program, started the first RHS girl's track team(we went to state for the first girl's state track meet in Columbus/placed 8th)), started the Riverdale Theater Thespian Honorary Society,awarded state model program for the RHS Occupational Education Club, coached the junior high school cheerleading squads to championships at Ohio State, and wrote and directed the 25 year history of the district.

I was 2 time state president of The Ohio Association of Supervisors and Coordinators and just retired from teaching with a masters degree, an intervention specialist certificate and an administrator's certificate.

All of this is a tribute to an administrator who did not just look at resumes, but rather at the potential of people, with a look into their hearts. I hope I did not disappoint your trust.

Thank you Mr. Blackburn....you will always be special to me and today I watch your video and celebrate your life with family, friends and colleagues whose lives you enriched.

JoAnn Welker and famly##imported-begin##JoAnn
Welker##imported-end##

March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen and Al, your father was certainly a well-respected leader of the Forest community and Hardin County. Shirley and I have fond memories of him and your family, and we share in your loss.
From: Shirley Trissler (Montrose, CA) and Sandy Trissler (Mesa, AZ)##imported-begin##Sandra Trissler Roberson##imported-end##

March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Al & Jacki, and Karen & John, Our deepest sympathy. My you always have fond memories of your dad.##imported-begin##Stan and Marilyn##imported-end##

March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Al and Jacki, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob, Laurie and Michael##imported-begin##Laurie Pangle##imported-end##

March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Al & Jacki,

You have our deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Vic & Judy Proffitt##imported-end##

March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ AI,

Please accept my condolences in the death of your father, one mighty fine man!

Blessings,

Carol Lane Techau##imported-begin##Carol Lane Techau##imported-end##

March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *AI and Jacki- My sincere sympathies on the death of your father. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Kathy (Shawn's Mom)##imported-begin##Kathy Hinton##imported-end##*

March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry we can't be there for the memorial services. Frank was a very good friend. Always enjoyed our little chats (as he called them) when he was doing our income taxes. Sincerely, Mary & Dave Jesse##imported-begin##Mary & Dave Jesse##imported-end##*

March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *The thoughts and prayers of all of the Curtin family are with the Blackburn family on Frank's passing. His was a life of service to his fellow man. He will be remembered for his dedication to the students of Hardin County through his efforts in education and to his fellow citizens through his service to the people of Forest on the park board and his participation in various organizations. May God bless and comfort all of you at this time.*

Tim Curtin##imported-begin##*Tim Curtin*##imported-end##

March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept our prayers and sympathies at the loss of an outstanding educator, husband, father and grandfather. From Maeva's parents'(Charles and Thelma Jolliff) friendship when both were starting careers at Broadway school to the brief summer Steve and Al worked together for Hardin County highway department we share your loss.*

We wish you the very best in this time of loss.

Steve & Maeva (Jolliff) Rish##imported-begin##*Steve & Maeva(Jolliff) Rish*##imported-end##

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