

Dr. Andrew G. Mehall

May 19, 1928 - June 14, 2016

Dr. Andrew G. Mehall, age 88, of Portage, IN., formerly of Rensselaer, passed away at the Porter Regional Hospital of Valparaiso, on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. He was born in LeMont Furnace, Pennsylvania on May 19, 1928, the son of Andrew J. and Mary (Brzack) Mehall.

On November 18, 1950 in Centerline, MI, Andrew married Julia Sauger who survives.

Andrew graduated from the University of Detroit Boys' School, attended the University of Michigan and ultimately graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit. He went on to earn his Master's degree from Syracuse University and his Doctorate of Zoology from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Mehall began his career at Saint Joseph's College in 1961 as an instructor in biology. In 1992, he was the recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award. He was honored with a teaching award in 1990, and in January 1992 he was presented with St. Joseph's College Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the first two instructors at Saint Joseph's college to earn this distinguished recognition. Additionally, Dr. Mehall was recognized for being Co-Founder, First Chairman and Outstanding Contributor to the Core Science Program at Saint Joseph's College. He held the title of the Biology Department Chairman until his retirement.

After retirement, he worked as a volunteer at Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis. He later became the tour guide coordinator at the museum for a period of over eight years. In 2005, when he and Julia returned to Rensselaer, he served a volunteer at the Jasper County Library for many years.

Surviving are his loving wife Julia and his children Mary Elizabeth (Michael) Watkins of Woodstock, GA, Andrea (Ernest Jr.) Watson of Rensselaer, IN, and Ret. Lt. Col. Leslie (Cindy Beard) Mehall of Alexandria, VA. Also surviving are 2 granddaughters; Jennifer (Joseph) Whitaker Camacho and Victoria Watson; 2 great-granddaughters, Jayla Camacho, and Jiana Camacho, sister Marilyn (Mike) Turchick of Canton, MI.

Andrew was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call on Friday, June 17, 2016, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's College Chapel in Rensselaer with Father Don Davison officiating. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's College Chapel Restoration Project.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
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Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's College Chapel
Saint Joseph's Chapel
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Andrew G. Mehall*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 16, 2016 at 01:53 PM

MS

“ *Best teacher I ever had.
His ability to provide the perfect analogies to explain scientific issues still baffles me to this day.
I attended St. Joe' from 1971-1973 then transferred to Temple University and graduated with a Biology degree.
Mark Steele
Hanover, PA 17331*

Mark Steele - February 10, 2018 at 01:58 PM

LS

“ *Andrea and our daughter Lori were close friends when the Mehalls moved into Rensselaer from the country. Many many hours of card games were played at either their home or our home. Andy and Julia visited us at our new home in Washington state and the picture in the tribute video of them with Mt. Rainier in the background was taken on that trip. Our families have remained friends over the years and across the miles. We were sad to hear of Andy's passing. We send our heartfelt condolences to Julia and family.*

*Larry and Alma Harris
Yakima, Washington*

Lori Stafford - June 17, 2016 at 08:38 PM

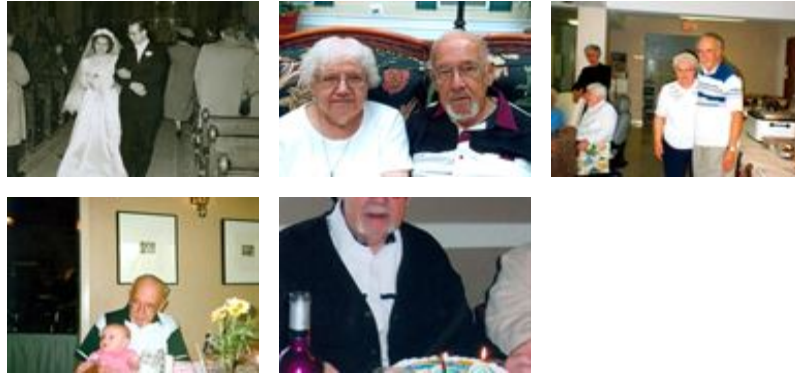
HE

“ *Dear Julia and family,
We have many fond memories of Andy. Mike enjoyed many years of teaching with him. I enjoyed dancing with him at the parties. We are so sorry not to be able to attend the service--the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Andy will be missed. He is in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Helena Davis*

helena - June 17, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 16, 2016 at 01:43 PM

ML

“ Marilyn L. purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Dr. Andrew G. Mehall.



Marilyn L. - June 16, 2016 at 12:17 PM

MT

“ One of my most cherished memories of my brother happened when we were kids. We would put on classical music records and play dictionary games. He is the one who taught me about the arts & about classical music & of course how to spell. I guess he was born to be a teacher from the beginning. He also taught me a lot about just life in general. Love you big brother and will miss you. We were miles apart in our living but we were always close in our hearts. Rest in peace with Mom & Dad.

Marilyn Turchick - June 16, 2016 at 11:37 AM

HD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Julia, Mary Beth, Andrea, Leslie and grandchildren. Andy always delivered smile when entering a room and nurtured many more with the time spent with him. We will remember him always.

Hubert and Pam

Hubert Doughty - June 16, 2016 at 09:10 AM

DM

“ Don and Susan Marriott purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Andrew G. Mehall.



Don and Susan Marriott - June 16, 2016 at 08:02 AM

LS

“ Uncle Bud could always captivate an audience with a story. His smile and laugh would just light up a crowd. I cherish the time with him and I'm so happy I was able to see him one more time last year.

Lori Slowik - June 16, 2016 at 04:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Andrew G. Mehall.



June 15, 2016 at 09:55 PM

JM

“ *Andy was always a happy man. When he smiled or laughed, his eyes would twinkle. Enjoyed the years of being a neighbor on Deans Place. Prayers of comfort for the family.*

Judy (Sheffer) Mitchell - June 15, 2016 at 04:34 PM