



Melvin Max Stowers

September 19, 1968 - June 4, 2016

Melvin Max Stowers, age 47, of Rensselaer passed away at his home on June 4, 2016. Mel was born in Brook, Indiana on September 19, 1968, the son of Manly Stowers and Charlotte Joy (Sell) Stowers.

Mel was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer where he graduated with the Class of 1987 from Rensselaer Central High School. He attended Butler University in Indianapolis, graduating in 1990 with a degree in Music Education. He had a love of music and was involved as an educator of music from 1991 until 2013. He was most recently the Band Director at Rensselaer Central High School from 2006 until the spring of 2013.

Mel was a member of the Brushwood United Methodist Church in Rensselaer where he was a member of the Worship Team. He was deeply involved in the Newton/Jasper Community Band where he had assisted with conducting of the band. He enjoyed the Drum & Bugle Corps, helped with the Rensselaer Central High School Softball team, loved to garden, passionately supported the Chicago Cubs fan and Butler University Athletics.

Surviving are his loving family, father, Manly Stowers of Rensselaer; sister, Karen (Wayne) Williams of Morocco, Ind., brother; David Stowers of Fishers, Ind.; and niece and nephews, Kristen Williams of Greenwood, Ind., and Nick Williams and Ryan Williams, both of Morocco, Ind. He was preceded in death by his mother Joy Stowers who passed away September 6, 2013.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, from 1:00 to 7:00

p.m. at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer with Rev. Hyesook Kim officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Rensselaer. Memorials are suggested to the Stowers Family Memorial Scholarship fund through the Jasper Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
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Service

JUN 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Max Stowers



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 06, 2016 at 02:54 PM

MS

Very moving. We will all miss Mel. Such a great guy with good life lesson messages to many. He will be missed.

Michelle Louck Smith - June 06, 2016 at 07:00 PM

ST

What a wonderful tribute. I'm so blessed to have shared common goals and a special teaching journey together. I miss seeing him, but my memories will remain strong and happy. God Bless.

Stephanie - June 06, 2016 at 07:29 PM

FC

Great tribute--David- especially moved by--It-Is-Well-With-My--Soul--'

Fred. Cowan - June 06, 2016 at 07:59 PM

KP

What a gorgeous tribute to a life of faith, family, friends, and music. Thank you for sharing it. I will miss Mel so much.

Kara Post - June 06, 2016 at 10:21 PM



What a beautiful tribute to Mel he was such a wonderful, kind, and loving man. We will miss you Mel!!

Nancy Pettet- Dunlap - June 07, 2016 at 12:05 PM

KW

Great tribute and musical selection

kyle wright - June 07, 2016 at 02:12 PM

RL

Such a great tribute to Melvin. What an impact he has had on so many lives in his short time here on earth. His spirit and the memories shared will live on in so many hearts. Such a legacy he has left!

Rita Layton - June 07, 2016 at 08:43 PM

AM

“ *I knew your friend, teacher, brother, uncle, and son, Mel Stowers, through online communication. Mel and I met each other on a Christian dating site four months ago, and since then we've been communicating daily. The last time Mel wrote me was Saturday, June 4. I became worried this week when Mel wasn't responding to our daily communications. After doing some online searching, I am shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. Mel loved gardening, his band students, girls softball, his family, his church, and his Savior. Several weeks ago Mel shared his faith journey with me as well as his current medical needs. I've been praying for Mel and am so sorry I will never have the chance to meet him. I am confident, however, that some day I will meet Mel in heaven. Jesus knows and understands the sadness we each may be feeling over Mel's home-going. May we be drawn to the comfort and hope that comes in knowing Jesus through this time.*

Amy Miller - June 12, 2016 at 12:46 AM

JL

“ *Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Jim & Dorrie Lefler - June 10, 2016 at 11:24 AM

SF

“ *Mel was a kind sweet man who always had a way of making you smile. He will be greatly missed. But the music in heaven is a little sweeter today as he is reunited with his mom.* ”

Salyer Family - June 08, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“ *Missy Miller Tiede lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers* ”



Missy Miller Tiede - June 08, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *Missy Miller Tiede lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers* ”



Missy Miller Tiede - June 08, 2016 at 10:46 AM

RL

“ *Rita (Steele) Layton lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers* ”



Rita (Steele) Layton - June 08, 2016 at 10:34 AM

RL

Continued thought and prayers for Melvin's family and friends. Just had to light another candle and chose blue for Melvin's favorite team, the Cubs. May God grant His peace and comfort now and in the days ahead to all of you.

Rita (Steele) Layton - June 08, 2016 at 10:36 AM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



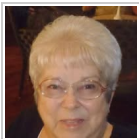
Judy Burvan - June 07, 2016 at 09:15 PM

RL

“ *Rita Layton lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Rita Layton - June 07, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ *So sorry for another loss to your family Manly, I am heartbroken for you all.....your son was so helpful to me on facebook about my kidney questions about dialysis and I can see by the reaction of so many that he was admired, truly loved by a lot of people and will be so missed.....love and prayers to you all....Pat*

Pat Hogle - June 07, 2016 at 04:54 PM

BH

“ *Betty Helm lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Betty Helm - June 07, 2016 at 03:16 PM

BH

Prayers for peace and comfort for all of your family. Even though I never had the pleasure of meeting Melvin, I know from all the comments I've heard and read about him that he was a wonderful person. Thinking of all of you.

Betty Helm - June 07, 2016 at 03:20 PM

DB

“ *Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Deric and Mindy Beier - June 07, 2016 at 01:06 PM

LS

“ *You will be greatly missed and forever appreciated. ❤️
Lady Bomber Softball- Past and Present*



Lady Bomber Softball - June 07, 2016 at 12:39 PM

ST

“ *My prayers and heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Stower's Family.
May peace
and comfort be found through your many friends and family.
Sandy Todd*

Sandra Todd - June 07, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Melvin Max Stowers.*



June 07, 2016 at 09:25 AM

RS

“ *Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory
of Melvin Max Stowers*



Roger & Vicki Steffen - June 07, 2016 at 09:18 AM

SH

“ *R.I.P. my friend. Rejoice with the good lord. I'm glad to known u in
school. 2 yes under u isn't bad. Miss u Mel and see one day soon.
The good lord has a good man*

Shara (Coley) Hansen - June 07, 2016 at 08:41 AM

CS

“ I was honored to have taught with Mel at Perry Central High School. He was a kind, caring and talented man. Prayers to his family and friends. Carol Schwoeppe

Carol Schwoeppe - June 07, 2016 at 08:30 AM

NL

“ So sorry to hear of your Son/ Brother,, May he rest in peace my friend,, From Sugar & Steve

Norma Schultz & Steven Liersch - June 07, 2016 at 08:15 AM

RG

“ Mel was a great student musician at Butler. We had many great times together in band over the course of his Butler career, Mel was an inspiration to all who knew him. He lived life to the fullest, and was more interested in the welfare of others than his own. He had a true teacher's heart, and I was always proud of the work he did and his impact on his students.

Dr. Robert Grechesky
Emeritus Professor of Music, Director of Bands
Butler University

robert grechesky - June 07, 2016 at 06:23 AM

AC

“ Amanda Kerkes And Children lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers



Amanda Kerkes and children - June 07, 2016 at 12:27 AM

KS

“ I met Mr. Stowers at the end of my Freshman year at Rensselaer Central, and from that moment he began to change my life for the better. He was a funny yet strict man and it made us a better and closer team. The amount our group improved from the time he took over was astounding. Through those years he also helped me improve as a person by believing in me, taking the time to listen, and teaching me not just music but a lot about life as well. I'm going to miss him and pray he's in a better place. But the lessons he taught will always be in my heart.

Karli (Siebring) Smith - June 06, 2016 at 11:40 PM

JH

“ Mel was a great influence in my life. He was my band director for all of my school career and taught me everything i know. I will miss him greatly and he will always be with me every time i pick up an instrument. He is in God's care now. May he rest in peace.



Jonathan C. Hamilton - June 06, 2016 at 10:49 PM

KP

“ I met Mel in the marching band at Butler. I have so many memories of fun musical moments with him. Always smiling, always funny, always willing to help, and above all, always a true gentleman. We had such a great time together when I came home to Indiana right before last Christmas to play in the band at a Butler game, the last time I was able to be with him. We have kept in touch through phone calls and messages, and he always insisted on asking about my concerns and challenges before talking about his own, and even then he spoke of them only briefly. His encouragement lifted my spirits on many occasions when he must have felt physically drained. The world has lost an amazing man but heaven has gained a faithful servant. I will miss my brother in Christ so much, but will rejoice in seeing him again.

Kara Greenup Post - June 06, 2016 at 10:33 PM



“ Steve Lewis lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers



Steve Lewis - June 06, 2016 at 08:32 PM

ST

“ A life well lived, serving others, and keeping his faith strong! Our family sends prayers for peace for the Stowers family.

Bob, Carla, Lance, and Stacy (Thomas) Crowe

Stacy Thomas - June 06, 2016 at 08:08 PM

AW

“ He taught me more about drumming than any band instructor I had. We always talked about DCI as well. He truly took interest in each of his student's lives during and after we left school. He has kept up with many former students through the years, and we will all miss him greatly.

Andy Wells - June 06, 2016 at 07:42 PM

 Andrea Meyer

“ What a wonderful man. So glad that we crossed paths on this journey in life. Be at peace my fellow Bluecoat brother. So glad that after so many years we were able to reconnect on social media. Rest in peace

Andrea Meyer - June 06, 2016 at 07:40 PM

MJ

“ Play your music in heaven. May God grant your family peace. From the Johnson family Lee, Morey, Marcia and Shawn

Morey Johnson - June 06, 2016 at 06:36 PM

CH

“ May your memory be eternal. I can remember playing baseball with you between our house and the church as children like it was yesterday. Nothing but the best memories. Peace for you forever.

Carl Hogsett - June 06, 2016 at 06:20 PM

DW

“ *Doug And Kathy Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Doug and Kathy Wilcox - June 06, 2016 at 05:27 PM

PW

“ *Phil & Noelle Weishaar lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Phil & Noelle Weishaar - June 06, 2016 at 04:26 PM



“ *My Prayers and condolences to the whole family!
Love Cindy Ziese and boys*



Cindy Ziese - June 06, 2016 at 04:21 PM

TP

“ *We are so sorry!! May God bless you and we are praying for the family!
Terri & David Palmer*

Terri Palmer - June 06, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melvin Max Stowers.*



June 06, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Rest in peace my friend.....*



Mike and Mary Molenaar - June 06, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Max Stowers.*



June 06, 2016 at 03:54 PM



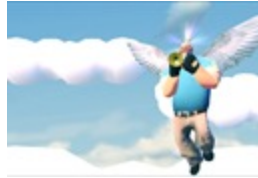
“ *the Dwight Archibald Family purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Melvin Max Stowers.*



the Dwight Archibald Family - June 06, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brandon Whited - June 06, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ Gena Finney lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers



Gena Finney - June 06, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 06, 2016 at 02:44 PM

TM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Stower's family. He made a huge impact on his students and his community.*
Matt & Tammy Madson & family



tammy madson - June 06, 2016 at 02:43 PM

RH

“ *Richard & Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Richard & Dale Huhn - June 06, 2016 at 02:38 PM

DF

“ *Dale Cook Family lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Dale Cook Family - June 06, 2016 at 02:30 PM

CM

“ *My family and I were very saddened when we heard that Mel had passed. Mel always had a great attitude and truly cared about the kids he worked with. Whether he was teaching band, or coaching softball, you could really tell he enjoyed kids. Mel made a great impact on the lives of many students in Rensselaer. My condolences to Mel's family.*

Chris Meeks - June 06, 2016 at 02:29 PM

JG

“ *James & Tammy Wisley And Girls lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



James & Tammy Wisley and girls - June 06, 2016 at 02:18 PM

 Paula Rayburn

“ *Paula Rayburn lit a candle in memory of Melvin Max Stowers*



Paula Rayburn - June 06, 2016 at 02:09 PM