

Robert E. Hinkle Memorial Scholarship Fund

It is no secret that Robert E. Hinkle would do anything to help those in his community. Especially his students and fellow teachers, they meant the world to him. Robert's love for school and teaching was so strong his family and friends wanted to continue his love long after his passing. The Robert E. Hinkle Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to honor the life of a dear friend, Robert E. Hinkle.

Robert (Bob) was born on May 1, 1948, in Peru, Indiana. After graduating from Wabash High School, he furthered his education with a bachelor's degree from Manchester College. Bob then went on to obtain a master's degree from the University of St. Francis. Sadly, Bob passed away at the age of 72 in late August of 2020.

During his life, Bob spent majority of his time teaching and coaching. Many describe him as passionate with a servant's heart, but he never would want any recognition. Bob began his passion for teaching in 1970 at Mentone High School. He then moved on to teaching younger students at Akron junior high. When the new middle school was built, he then began teaching there at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School. Bob had an impact on his students no matter where he went.

Bob retired from full time teaching in 2014, but that did not stop him from staying active. Still even after retirement, he taught part-time for 3 more years at the middle and high school. During that time, he coached numerous sports which included football, softball, and girls' and boys' basketball.

Bob will forever be remembered by his loved ones in a variety of ways. He was an avid sports fan for all sports for all ages. However, he was especially fond for the Atlanta Braves and Chicago Bears. He also loved to fish on the river. Many remember seeing Bob driving around town in his blue convertible Ford Mustang or his Ford F-150's. One student also shared that, "His infamous frown was his upside-down smile, and everyone knew it!"

The legacy of Bob will live on forever through the Robert E. Hinkle Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mr. Bob Hinkle will continue to impact the lives of students forever.

