



David Richard Kaplan

May 3, 1923 - May 24, 2010

Biography

David Richard Kaplan, 87, of Falmouth, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, May 24, 2010. Born in Rochester, New York, on May 3, 1923, he was a son of the late Lester and Beatrice Chait Kaplan. He graduated from Hobart College in New York.

In 1952, he married Virginia Lucille Tomlin Kaplan, and his dear wife survives his passing. From 1963 to 1983, he was a dedicated math teacher to the students of Pendleton County. He was a disabled Army veteran of World War II, a member of the Orion Lodge F & A M, Falmouth, and a member of the Pendleton County Retired Teachers Association.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Virginia Lucille Kaplan, he is survived by five children: Virginia Smith of Lexington, Kentucky, John B. Kaplan of Florence, Kentucky, Lorrie Parrott of Independence, Kentucky, Mickey Parrott of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Sandy Klee of Independence, Kentucky; 7 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren; one brother, Samuel Kaplan of Del Ray Beach, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 4, 2010, at the Riverside Cemetery, Falmouth.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery
409 Ridgeway Avenue
Falmouth, KY

Tribute Wall

NH

“ I recently saw a military banner with Mr. Kaplan's name on it. He was one of my math teachers in middle school, and I thought he was a wonderful teacher, never realizing that he was a veteran too! Gone, but not forgotten, Mr. Kaplan!

Nila F Harris - July 26, 2025 at 05:29 PM

NO

“ I moved a lot as a child. One of the things I have kept and cherish the most is my set of math notes from Mr. Kaplan. They are the purple mimeograph kind. The scent has long faded, but the information on the papers holds true. I never felt I was good at math, but Mr. Kaplan made a difference. I have been a math teacher for twenty years now. “As sure as God made little green apples” I will keep the math legacy alive. Thank you, Mr. Kaplan. You made a difference. Rest In Peace... Nora(Delagrange) Jackson

Nora - May 03, 2020 at 06:28 PM

MM

“ To the family of Mr.David Kaplan I'm so sorry for your loss but as my sister Becky said your loss is heavens gain!Mr Kaplan was a wonderful teacher,one time my cousin(Wanda Cole)and I went across the road to the store and bought candy with our lunch money and we were late getting back to class so we were called to the office, we were both terrified that we were going to get the paddle!!! But thanks to Mr.Kaplan we were spared, he told us to go back to class our lesson was learned that day!We both loved Mr.Kaplan more after that! RIP MR.KAPLAN WE LOVE YOU!

Mary McNamee(McQueen) - October 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I was very sorry you read about Mr. Kaplan's passing. In Mr. Kaplan class at Butler, I learned I could be good at something for the first time. With his and Ms Sidney Pribble help, I become a successful business woman and a happy mother and wife. He made all the difference for me. Teachers change lives and even though, I never had time before, I just want to thank you Mr. Kaplan and his family for all the different you have made to one poor farm girl who has not wanted for anything for many years.

Eileen Fryman Kulatz - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Mr. Kaplan was my teacher at Butler Elementary. He was a great teacher and I remembered he loved apples too. He will be missed.

Evelyn Collett Hoskins - June 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ So sorry to hear about Dave. I will keep the family in prayer. My condolences to all of you. I know you will miss him. He was a special fellow and a good friend.

Rick Smith - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Kaplan. He made a major impact upon my life. Your family will remain in my prayers and my thoughts.

Marilou Conrad Couch

Marilou Conrad Couch - May 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Kaplan's passing. I recall so many great times with him at the old Butler school. I enjoyed his sense of humor and wit and will always have him in my memory. My sincere sympathy goes out to his entire family.

David Doan

David Doan - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ John, so sorry to hear of your father's death. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pam Blackburn - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dear Kaplan Family, I'm so sorry to hear about David. He was such a good teacher & a good and interesting person. I remember the first time to your house for Amy to checkout your cookie jar collection. We remember those days with fond memories. With our sympathy, Shirley & Paul Tuemler

Shirley Tuemler - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear family,
I will always remember the math teacher, but from the time I spent at your home, I will always remember the man I saw as a father to all his kids. We have lost a great man, a great teacher and to you all a wonderful person, father & husband.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers, bless you all.

Deb Barnett (Ramsey) - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mr. Kaplan was one of my teachers/instructors whilst I attended PCHS. there was one time I fondly recall when he said something to me in confidence whilst we discussed the military. He reflected on a time during his tour of duty...the entire 8 years I was in the US Army, I pondered & mulled over his very words...words of wisdom! I will "always, always" have fond memories of Mr. Kaplan...and his "Words of Wisdom" that he shared with me; I will treasure them forever...

Scott Meadows - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My Dad, Paul, had Mr. Kaplan for math the first year he taught in Pendleton County and I had him the last year he taught. We both still talk of how much we enjoyed his class. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Aprile Conrad Redden - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ John; i am so sorry to hear about your father's passing. I know you will be lost woith out him. I lost my husband of 35 years erly this year/ And it still hurts. I hope you and your family heal and recover from your loss. Mr Kaplan was one of my favorite teachers even though he was strick. I will remember him for ever. May he rest in Peace forever.
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Alta S. Works Woodard - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear family:
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss but it's truly heavens gain. Mr Kaplan was one of my favorite teachers i will always remember how much he loved apples i would bring him one everytime i could. he was always good to me i will keep the family in my prayers. god bless and comfort each of you
becky collins

Rebecca McQueen (Collins) - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of David Richard Kaplan c/o Woodhead Funeral Home funeral home.

May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers . So sorry for your loss .

Gene Mullins Jr. - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I remember Mr. Kaplan from my 7 and 8 grade years at Butler elementary. He was my favorite teacher, probably because Math and Science were my favorite subjects. I am now an electrical engineer. I also remember him as the Scoutmaster our Boy Scout Troop (884) along with Jimmy Marksberry and my dad (Albert Toll). I am active in Scouting and my son is an Eagle Scout. I also remember John and I believe that we were in the same grade. I know it is a very difficult time when you loose a parent but you will always have the fond memories. My dad died about three years ago and it is amazing what current events trigger a memory of something that your father did.

I am very sorry about your loss.

*Michael Toll (Mike)
Lexington, Ky*

Mike Toll - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Mr. Kaplan once told me when I was struggling through some math concept, "You are always better than you think you are." I've often thought of that comment through the years when I've struggled through something--maybe I am doing "better than I think I am." I think I learned the math lesson that day but I know I retained the life lesson he taught. I am so sorry for your loss.

Nancy Mullins - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ I am truely saddened by Mr. Kaplan's passing. If there was any one teacher that impacted my life at all it would have to be him. I will keep your family in my prayers as you get through this difficult time.

Robin Jenkins - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Mr kaplan
Was one of my favorite teachers he would take the time to make sure you understood what you were doing he told me once there was no such thing as a stupid question so ask it !!!
iwill never forget that also the board of education hanging on the black board was also one of his teaching aids that im glad i didnt need he was also my Masonic brother i am glad that Mr kaplin was part of my life he will truly be missed rest in pease my friend*

BRIAN CROUCH - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have good memories of Mr. Kaplan and our math class. Mr. Kaplan was loud and scared me at the beginning, but I learned so much from him. He was a very caring teacher. I learned to enjoy math.*

Gina Marquardt - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *John,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. One thing to hold on to is "that memory is one gift of God that death doesn't destroy". Cherish the memories and celebrate.*

Donna Harmon - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ *rest in peace brother. Sorry we did not get to say goodbye in person.*

mussie - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Mr. Kaplan was my math teacher in middle school. He scared me to death with his booming voice, but I also loved him and learned a lot from him. Many people have talked about him over the years and the impression he made on their lives. Thanks, Mr. Kaplan, for all that you taught me about math and life.

Nila Harris - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mr. Kaplan was one of my all time favorite teachers. Had him for Math and loved his class.

Keith Smith - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear John and Family,
It is never easy to lose a parent and I grieve with you in your loss. Please accept my sincere sympathy during this special time in your life.

Sue Woodard

Sue Woodard - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had some great teachers at Butler, and Mr. Kaplan and Sidney Pribble were at the top of the list. He always gave credit if you correctly performed the task that he was teaching, even if you had the wrong answer. Great sense of humor, but he could call you down in a heartbeat with that enormous voice. My condolences to his family. I can only imagine what a great family man he must have been!

Debbie Hart (Bray) - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *John and Family,
I know it is very hard to lose your father, but I want you to know that
you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Michelle Frazier - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Kaplan's passing. He scared the bejeebies
out of me when I first met him at the Middle School...but he soon
became one of my favorite all time teachers. He wouldn't accept
anything less than my best effort. Lessons like that, not just the
math, will stay with me for the rest of my life.
Praying for comfort for his dear family during this difficult time.*

Billy and Lisa Arnold - May 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM