



Albert Wade "Al" Diehl Obituary

July 21, 1937 - July 29, 2012

Albert Wade "Al" Diehl, age 75, passed away on Sunday July 29, 2012 at Serene Manor Medical Center in Knoxville.

He was a charter member of the Dalewood United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. He served in the United States Coast Guard and completed a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Tennessee. He taught science, television production, and electronics in the Oak Ridge Schools for twenty years.

Albert was preceded in death by his father, Leslie C. Diehl, mother, Claiborne Wilkes Diehl, and brother Milton R. Diehl. He is survived by his daughter Rebecca Herod. A private graveside service was held in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.

Comments



“ Albert was a good friend at UT. I loaned him \$50 to get married. He got me a cherished job at WUOT and persuaded me not to join the Marines. Those favors repaid me thousands of percent. I wish I could have reconnected before he died.

Ronald Moore - Mountain Home, AR - college friend - November 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I have fond memories of Mr. Diehl as my science teacher. At Robertsville jr high school. he was an excellent teacher and was very interested in his students. I am sorry to read of his passing. May God bless.

Kathy Donaldson Sullivan

Kathy Donaldson Sullivan - Oak Ridge, TN - Student - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ i did not know he had left us he taught me tv and radio and helped learn the world of tv he once said it is always good to have something to fall back on he ended up working and repairing computers.always said hello when i saw him and had the biggest smile..you are missed my friend wish i knew where you were so i could pay my respects at the cemetery

mark - oak ridge, TN - former student - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Al Diehl was a superb teacher. He was my electronics teacher when I was mainstreamed gradually into Oak Ridge High School in 1982. He taught me a great deal about my field and a lot about life and human relations. Thanks to his assistance, I graduated successfully from ORHS in 1985. I will miss his gentle spirit, wit, and his enjoyable teaching forever. Thanks from a gimpy young man you molded into someone who defied the odds. I am forever grateful.

Kent Tefeteller - Athens, TN - Student of his and friend. - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Mr Diehl,

I never had the honor of being in one of your classes. Meeting you through your student my brother John and his friends who were your students led me to know a man who's dedication to his students went beyond the norm. To this day only one other teacher stand so far above the rest in my mind, that was Coach E. Hale. You for remembering me every time we crossed paths even all the years later, asking with genuine care how I was doing. It amazed me to be remembered. Thank You for the gift of knowing you, we all have been blessed by knowing you! Rest, we will meet again.

Maria Skorski

Maria Skorski - Oak Ridge, TN - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Mr. Diehl was my Science teacher in '71, and he was always ready to help out with any difficulties. I saw him about 30 years later, and he still remembered me. May he rest in peace.

Judy Cosgrove - Oak Ridge, TN - student, '71 - August 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Mr.Diehl was a great teacher.Taught me alot about radio and news production back in my High School years.Had alot of fun trips to Atlanta for our FCC licence test and to Indianapolis,IN for the time trails at Indianapolis Motor Speed Way.We all had a blast riding in his big Chevy automobile and never got board on his fun trips.May we all remember him and keep his daughter and family in our prayers.He always had faith in me and told me how to improve in a positive way.He will be missed.RIP Al.Thanks for being a friend also.

Jon Heacker - Florence, SC - Student - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Mr. Diehl was without a doubt the best teacher i ever had. He not only taught me electronics, He tought me about life as well. You will be missed my friend.

Ed Martin - Oak Ridge, TN - Student - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I'll never forget riding in the back of Mr. Diehl's little station wagon to Atlanta to take our FCC license exam. Got my first job at WLIL that same year. He was my mentor and chief encourager for many years. I will always remember him for his caring about young people.

David Lambert - Vienna, Austria - Little Grasshopper - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Diehl is a cherished teacher and mentor to many of us now in communications, science, and industry. He will remain with us always.

Clay M. Davis - Los Alamos, NM - Former student - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ One of the best ever. Great memories -- all those cool field trips to Nashville to explore recording studios and broadcast stations... that field trip to Indianapolis to see an Indy time trial from the NBC broadcast booth... the guy could talk his way into any venue. Fan Fest in Nashville where we got to meet Charlie Daniels, Johnny Cash, Ronnie Milsap, Kenny Rogers -- and watch Stella Parton lay down some vocals at the old Woodland Sound Studios. "What? All high school students don't get to do all these things?" Who knew how lucky we were. You won't be forgotten.
Carson

Carson - Clearwater, FL - student - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Diehl was one of my favorite teachers at Oak Ridge High School. He cared about his students and taught us by example. I am grateful for the life lessons he taught me that have helped me far beyond the lessons in television & radio production.

Rick Nelson - Spring Hill, TN - student - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Diehl's passing. He was a wonderful teacher and did everything he could to provide the best for his students. I learned a lot in his Electronics / TV & Radio Classes and I'm forever indebted to Mr Diehl for the trust and support he gave me, he was truly a great teacher, friend, mentor when I really needed one.

James Finch - Knoxville, TN - Student - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Al was a great guy.

Avery - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM