



Al C. Hoover

September 13, 1937 - November 15, 2016

Albert C. "Al" Hoover, 79, of Bloomington, passed away on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Richland Beam Blossom Health Campus. Al was born on September 13, 1937 in Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania, the son of George W. and Margaret (Seybert) Hoover.

The family moved to Lincoln, Illinois in 1942 where Al spent his school years, graduating from Lincoln High School. He attended Lincoln College, where he graduated in 1957. Al continued his education at Illinois State University, and earned his undergraduate degree in education in 1959. He returned to Lincoln as a teacher at Lincoln Jr. High School, where he also coached basketball, with one team winning the state tournament. Al also coached baseball at Lincoln Community High School. Al retired from teaching in 1992. He was later honored, among other Lincoln Public School graduates, for his contributions in his chosen career and in community service.

Al was a lover of sports. He was lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, and had also played baseball during his childhood and youth. In addition to the coaching in the schools, he also coached Little League, Junior League and American Legion Baseball teams.

Following Al's career, he retired to Bloomington, Indiana, in part because of his love for Bobby Knight and Indiana University Basketball. This affection continued after Coach Knight left Bloomington, as Al became a fan of the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, Al joined First United

Methodist Church when he moved to Bloomington. There Al was very involved in the Wednesday Food Pantry and his Covenant Disciple Group. Al was also a friendly face greeting people as an usher at the First Up Morning Celebration Worship service.

Al lovingly and faithfully cared for his mother for many years, and did leave Bloomington for a few years when he moved with her to Arizona. There he occasionally attended Chicago Cubs baseball Spring training games. When Al returned to Bloomington, following his mother's death, he joined St. Mark's United Methodist Church where he continued to share his gifts and friendship. Al was a writer, a storyteller, a lover of country music and shared his home with his cats, especially Miss Kitty, Samantha and Annie.

Al is survived by his sister, Julia Hoover of San Tan, Arizona, as well as many faithful and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Al at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 North State Road 46 Bypass, on Thursday, December 1, at 1:00 p.m., followed by a reception. Burial will take place at the New Union Cemetery in Lincoln, Illinois. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church
100 State Rd 46
Bloomington, IN 47408

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I will always remember staring at the I U roster picture posters on the walls in Mr. Hoover’s classroom during 7th grade history in the mid 80s. Those poster are how I learned about IU basketball which came in handy when I moved to Indianapolis for a job after college. Mr. Hoover demanded and gave respect. RIP, sir.

Susan Foster - January 29, 2021 at 08:13 PM

DM

“ Mr Hoover was my little league baseball coach and the reason why I remain a life long Cubs fan. He was a mentor to me and I have many fond memories of the impact he had on my life. I can still see him in the 1st base coach’s box with the scorebook in hand encouraging us on every pitch. God bless and Go Cubs!

Dan Montgomery - September 27, 2020 at 01:53 PM

LL

“ Mr. Hoover was one of my teachers. He always call us by Miss or Mr and never our first names. He taught respect.

Linda Leslie - February 01, 2020 at 05:49 AM

RM

“ Mr Hoover was one of my favorite teachers as I grew up. I am sorry to hear of his passing

Rob McCue - January 31, 2020 at 09:37 PM

DJ

“ I was saddened to hear of Al's passing. Al was kind person who had a positive impact on the lives of so many young people during is teaching a coaching career in Lincoln. I am so glad that I was able to speak with him on the phone a few years ago after losing track of him for many years. We had a great conversation. He will be missed.

*David Johnson
Lincoln Community High School
Class of 1956*

David Johnson - December 11, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ I too met Al as a volunteer at the FUMC library committee back in the 90's. He was a most delightful, kind and caring person. A lot of fun to be around and welcoming to everyone! I kind of lost track of him over the years, but he is a hard person to forget.

Debbie Woodruff - December 09, 2016 at 12:13 PM

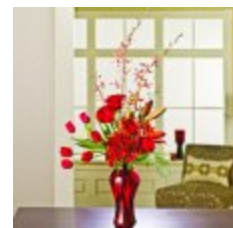
JA

“ Whenever I think of Al, I picture him serving as a greeter at the First Up service. He was a fixture there for many years - bulletin in hand, hymnal on the ready, and always truly welcoming, kind, and helpful.

Jennifer Ashcraft - December 01, 2016 at 07:40 AM



“ In Remembrance was purchased for the family of Al C. Hoover.



November 30, 2016 at 12:39 PM

RC

“ I worked with Mr. Hoover when he was a substitute teacher teacher at Eastern Greene. He was a kind, caring person. I have fond memories of him and my heart goes out to his family and friends. - Rhonda Crowe

Rhonda Crowe - November 29, 2016 at 10:20 AM

AF

“ I met Al when he first moved to Bloomington and came to,our Wednesday kitchen to make sack lunches for those needing food. Al and my husband used to talk about the Cubs, old movies, and sing show tunes as they made sandwiches. Al was such a loyal volunteer for,the kitchen, and later the pantry. Al,loved his kitties and shared the portrait of his favorite which was hanging above his bed where he first was living after being diagnosed with conditions requiring assistance. Al was quite a guy! Anne Fraker

anne fraker - November 29, 2016 at 09:15 AM