



James Crowe

June 27, 1934 - April 21, 2010

James W. Crowe, 75, of Bloomington passed away Wednesday at Bloomington Hospital. He was born in Huntertown, IN to Arthur and Ruth ((Decker) Crowe on June 27, 1934. James was married on November 27, 1954 to Barbara J. Jones. Dr. James W. Crowe was a “born educator.” His whole professional career has been devoted to education and he has been described as an outstanding college professor and devoted mentor to his students. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University, his Master of Science degree from the University of Florida, and the Director’s degree in Health and Safety and Doctor of Education degree from Indiana University. He began his teaching career in Indiana, teaching and coaching, both at the junior high and high school levels. He was recruited to Indiana University in 1966 to teach in the area of health and safety education. He has distinguished himself through his commitment and devotion to teaching at Indiana University which has spanned over three decades. He is the recipient of an Indiana University Distinguished Teaching Award. Simply said, students and teaching have always been foremost in his professional career. One of his colleagues remarked that “His humanitarian focus and compassionate attitude have helped guide many young people in pursuit of a future career.” In addition to his service contributions to Indiana University, he has served the profession with distinction. These efforts have been recognized with the C.P. Yost Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished Scholar Award, both awarded by the School and Community Safety Society of America. He served

this association for a number of years, including a term as President, and an extended term on the Board of Directors. He was also active in numerous other safety and health education organizations. In addition, he was recognized by his alma mater, University of Florida, “for his distinguished career in health and safety education.” Beyond the classroom, he has contributed to the nation’s health through his professional research in Driver Education, Smoking, and School Health Education. In fact, his research focused on health issues for youth and resulted in international presentations in China, Thailand, Japan, Egypt, Greece and Iran. The capstone of his professional career was his appointment as Chairperson of the Department of Applied Health Science in the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. He served as Chairperson from July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1999. Jim brought national recognition to his department, humor, wisdom and knowledge to his many students, and a real concern for the health of the young to his nation and world. Under his leadership, he provided travel support to a number of aspiring students, both undergraduate and graduate, to attend professional conferences. In particular, he provided support to a number of Eta Sigma Gamma student members so they could attend national conferences. Jim has been a role model, health and safety educator, mentor, scholar, and most of all, a caring human being. He is survived by his wife Barbara Crowe; son Michael Crowe (Beth); daughter Monica Black all of Bloomington; five grandchildren Jacob, Jordan, and Jeremy Black and Lesley and Ryan Crowe; brother Paul Crowe and sister Nancy Crowe. He was preceded in death by his parents and son Eric Crowe. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul’s Catholic Center, with Father Robert Keller officiating. Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until time of service at the church. Private burial will be held on Monday at Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco, IN. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the James W. Crowe Scholarship Fund or Bloomington Hospital Foundation.

Tribute Wall

VT

“ I was searching for Dr. Crowe, and stumbled across his obituary. He was truly the best! I remember the summer I returned from studying abroad, he and Joyce were at the bank and I told him how my studies were up in the air, that i was waitlisted for Peace Corps and didn't know what i was going to do. He mentioned that there could be a scholarship for the MPH (this was in July, classes were starting in August); he worked it out that I received a full scholarship. He genuinely cared for everybody... He is deeply missed.

Viva Combs Thorsen - October 25, 2022 at 03:06 AM

VT

“ Viva Thorsen lit a candle in memory of James Crowe



Viva Combs Thorsen - October 25, 2022 at 03:01 AM

MA

“ Browsing the web, I was saddened to discover Mr. Crowes obituary. I had the pleasure of being in his Freshman Health class at Edinburgh High School in 1964. He was also my coach in a variety of sports, baseball being my favorite, as he assisted Don Holloway. He left Edinburgh near that time, but I had the opportunity to be in his Driver's education course a few years later at IU as I was preparing to become a teacher. To my surprise, he remembered me.

A personal story I still tell my friends to this day involved Mr. Crowe and a freshman health test. It was the only test in his class that I didn't have a perfect score because I missed this true/ false question. "You can consciously stop your heart from beating" Of course the answer was false, but I argued that one could take their own life and consciously stop their heart beat. Well....I scored 100% He argued some, but relented. I will miss Mr. Crowe.

Marvin Burton - October 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM

KA

“ Dear Barbara,
I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of both Jim and Mike. I know you have been through the wars and back - I can only say I wish it wasn't so.
I Have many fond memories of times spent with you and your family. Young Dan is very sorry he lost his best childhood friend. I live in my hometown of Rowlesburg, WV and am content to be active and productive in my old age.
Please give my condolences to Beth.
Love, Kathy

Kathleen Orescanin - October 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM

GE

“ *Family,*

I am so sadden to read about the loss of Dr. Crowe. I was one of his students while at Indiana University. He was a gentle soul, and I enjoyed our relationship during college and post college. My brother was in the hospital the same time as he was, and I got to visit Dr. Crowe and family and let him know how much I valued him as a friend and mentor. Please know he touch so many lives, including mine.

George Holland - October 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM

JD

“ *Dear Mike, Monica, and Family,*
So sorry to hear of your loss. In deepest sympathy, Julie Bennett Dreesen

Julie Bennett Dreesen - October 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM

BJ

“ *Mike Crowe and family,*

I'm sorry to hear of your father's passing, I always enjoyed talking with him about different kind of materials he used for his landscaping projects. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bill

Bill Hanna Jr. - October 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM

MI

“ Mike & family, so sorry for your loss. As i read about your father , thoughts of when i first met you and him. Remember the Packers and Eagles games in youth football? Those were some battles! Hope those memories will bring a smile to your face.....AL

mike allen - October 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM