



Ralph Paul Hendershot

December 24, 1937 - October 21, 2016

Ralph Paul Hendershot, 78, passed away on October 21, 2016 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania, in the company of his children and his beloved wife Marcia, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage.

Born in Larksville, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Ralph and Rose Hendershot. He attended Wilkes University where he excelled as a student-athlete, playing baseball and basketball. After graduating from Wilkes, he played semi-professional baseball for many years. In 1956, he was invited to spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates. In addition, Ralph served as a northeast region scout for the Houston Astros Baseball Club. His sons and grandsons have proudly carried on this legacy, and one of his favorite pastimes was watching them play ball.

Ralph was an educator at Sayre Area High School, teaching English from 1960-1998, but his true passion was coaching. He coached Sayre's varsity baseball team for more than 30 years and the junior varsity basketball team for more than 20 years. In 1997, he was inducted into the Sayre Redskin Club Hall of Fame, and in 2012, he was the 5th coach to be enshrined on the Robert B. Redman Coaches Wall of Fame.

Ralph took pride in nurturing potential and watching it grow, from the flowers in his garden, to the countless students, athletes, and friends within his community. He was a member of the Epiphany Catholic Church, and a man who demonstrated his faith through his unwavering strength, selfless dedication, and humility. His loved ones will remember him for his kindness,

wisdom, wit, and humility.

Ralph's greatest joy in life was the time he spent with his family and watching his grandchildren grow. In addition to his wife, Marcia, Ralph is survived by six children: Karen Darrow of Sayre; Ralph Hendershot, Jr. of Sayre; Carol (Rich) Decatur of Athens; Tom (Kathy) Hendershot of Barton, NY; Michael (Julie) Hendershot of Johnstown, PA; and Julie (Jonathan) Lear of West Chester, PA. Sixteen grandchildren: Joe (Heather) Darrow, Jamie (Scott) Wilkes, Shelby Darrow, Nichole Decatur, Christopher (Seneca) Decatur, Allison Decatur, Brandon Hendershot, Brian Hendershot, Paige Hendershot, Parker Hendershot, Pierce Hendershot, Noah Hendershot, Emma Hendershot, Nathan Hendershot, Addison Lear and Benjamin Lear. Four great-grandchildren: Amaya Hendershot, Maddison Campbell, Harper Darrow and Declan Darrow.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 25 from 4-8 PM at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, 314 Desmond St., Sayre. The funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 9:30 AM at Epiphany Catholic Church, 304 S. Elmer Ave., Sayre. Interment will be in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established the Ralph Hendershot Memorial Baseball Fund. Those interested may send a contribution to: First Citizen's Bank, 306 W. Lockhart St., Sayre, PA 18840, Attention: Chris Lynch.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

OCT **26**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 South Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Paul Hendershot* ”

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Ralph Paul Hendershot* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Ralph Paul Hendershot* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Ralph Paul Hendershot* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Ralph Paul Hendershot* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *George Pond lit a candle in memory of Ralph Paul Hendershot* ”



George Pond - January 15, 2017 at 01:42 PM

GP

One of the Best Teachers I ever had

George Pond - January 15, 2017 at 01:44 PM

PG

“ *Ralph, Tom and all the Hendershot's my deep sympathy on the passing of your dad. May he Rest In Peace. Pat Gorman*

Pat Gorman - November 01, 2016 at 06:54 PM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I'm also glad that I could make it to the viewing. Mr. Hendershot would have remembered me as a very chatty student, but he was always nice to me.*

Susan Lacey Hoffman - October 31, 2016 at 03:27 PM

RR

“ *Karen and family,
I'm very sorry to learn of your father's passing. He was a very nice man and a great teacher. The entire Hendershot family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Richard Rudloff*

Richard Rudloff - October 27, 2016 at 07:10 PM

KW

“ Dear Tom, Ralph and Family - I was very sad to hear of the passing of your dad. I have very fond memories of your dad from the Hendershot house, 7th grade English class, baseball and basketball. I will never forget his grammar lessons and the fungo bat, and will always remember him with a smile. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith White and family

Keith White - October 25, 2016 at 01:19 PM

MS

“ I am so terribly sorry to hear about Mr. Hendershot's passing. I hope that the love of family and friends will comfort you in the days ahead during this difficult time. To many of us we knew of him as Coach Hendershot and a great coach and mentor he was to countless and I mean countless numbers of student athletes that had the privilege to play for him on the basketball court and especially the baseball diamond. I am proud to have been one of his former athletes and to this day think of him often with fond memories, I remember the away game bus rides and how Coach would always stroll back to go over the game plan if you were pitching for him that day, he always instilled confidence in us with his vast knowledge of the game and more importantly he taught us how to play with a passion but to always remain a good sport, win with dignity and to lose with dignity. Coach will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

Michael Stevens

SHS Class 1984 & NTL Baseball Champions 17-3

Michael Stevens - October 25, 2016 at 08:54 AM

NW

“ I am so sorry we lost Pop so soon. He had a fierce love for his family and friends, and he always had something interesting to talk about. He was a role model for a strong but gentle man, a man of faith and constancy. I am blessed to have known him. We are all mourning with you. I pray you find strength in the love and friendship we give.

Nancy and Jerry Wilkes

Nancy Wilkes - October 25, 2016 at 07:00 AM

TT

“ Tim Taylor purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ralph Paul Hendershot.



Tim Taylor - October 25, 2016 at 02:16 AM

TT

“ Always enjoyed talking baseball with you at the Tioga games. You never lost your passion for the sport.



Tim Taylor - October 25, 2016 at 01:05 AM

SB

“ Scott/Barbara Bennett lit a candle in memory of Ralph Paul Hendershot



Scott/Barbara Bennett - October 24, 2016 at 08:21 PM

SC

“ *As a neighborhood kid - former newspaper boy - former student - former basketball manager this was very sad news. Although many more important people than myself will voice the same expressions - I wanted to take just a moment to pass along my deepest sympathies and condolences at this difficult time to the whole Hendershot family.*

Scott Campbell - October 24, 2016 at 01:55 PM