



Howard Rowe Oakes

April 8, 1932 - August 10, 2022

Howard Rowe Oakes, 90, passed away Thursday August 10, 2022.

Rowe was born on April 8, 1932 to his parents Harvey and Ethel (McKinney) Oakes. He loved to play his guitar, mow grass, sing gospel music. He went to WXLN-AM in Indiana played his guitar and sang. He retired from Valley High School as a teacher and counselor.

Preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Survived by his cousins Debbie Smith (David) of Edmonton, Ky; Becky Bowman (Gerry) of Temple Hill, Ky; David Clark (Theresa) of Tallahassee, Florida; close friends Janet Roberts (Dennis) and Brother and sister Coe; many special neighbors and friends.

Funeral services will be Saturday August 13, 2022, 1:00pm (central time) Butler Funeral Home, 201 East St. Edmonton, KY with burial to follow Pink Ridge Cemetery in Edmonton, Ky. Visitation will be Friday 2:00-5:00pm (eastern time) Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway Louisville, KY, and Saturday 9:00-1:00pm (central time) at Butler Funeral Home Edmonton, Ky.

Cemetery Details

Pink Ridge Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a senior at Valley High School in 1973, dead set on playing center field for the Cincinnati Reds. But when nobody seemed to realize how good I was at baseball, Mr. Oaks called me into his office and suggested I apply for a scholarship to study engineering. My reaction was "ya gotta go to college to drive a train?" 53 years later I am wrapping up a successful career as a forensic structural engineer that has been very good to me. I just thought I would come here to thank you for pointing me in the right direction.

JAMES SKEES - June 15 at 08:24 PM

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“ We are so sorry that your Indiana family didn't know you had passed. You were such a sweet and loving person. My grandma (your cousin) thought a lot of you. You would stay with her when you came to visit and I could set for hours to listen to your southern soft spoken voice. You will be missed Rowe. ❤️

Debe Lowe - September 14, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JJ

“ I will miss out many talks, and your wonderful cooking. Rest easy dear friend, rest easy.



Jill Johnson - August 11, 2022 at 06:05 PM

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“ In 1957-60, my sister, Mary Ellen Burress taught at Valley High School with Rowe; he became a very close family friend and for several years, I have called him "my adopted brother". We returned to Kentucky from Colorado rather often and my last visit with Rowe was in September, 2020. Many phone calls were shared and the last being just on 2 August. We mainly discussed the numerous medical issues, but on many calls, we talked about his cooking and the great food he prepared. I will greatly miss him and may he RIP. With Love, Barbara



Barbara/Dave Henigsman - August 11, 2022 at 04:20 PM