



## Albert A. Hodge

October 30, 1943 - October 16, 2019

Albert A. Hodge, 75, of Rushville, passed away October 16, 2019 in Rushville where he had lived since 1965. Al was born October 30, 1943 in Evansville to Joseph & Mary (Fretageot) Hodge. He was a 1961 graduate of New Harmony High School and received his BA in history from Depauw University and his Masters in history from Indiana University.

Al taught Psychology and Social Studies from 1965-2000 at Rushville High School. He chaired the Social Studies department for 20 years.

Al married Sue Ann Coffman O'Connor on December 26, 1986 and she preceded him in death on January 10, 2014.

He is survived by his children, Jack (Amy) Hodge of Evansville, Jamie O'Connor and Kelly (Carol) O'Connor all of Columbus, OH and Joanna Losier of Newport, KY. Al is survived by 8 grandchildren.

There will be a time of celebration on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 2-4 PM at the Rushville Elk's Lodge #1307.

Memorial contributions may be made to RCCF-Historical Society Fund or to the Donor's favorite fund thru RCCF.

Moster Mortuary, Rushville, entrusted with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Albert A. Hodge*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *RIP Mr. Hodge You will be missed.*

**Wanda Copley** - October 23, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ *A wonderful picture of Al. Brings back memories to me of seeing Al now and then when Bill & I lived in Rushville and Bill and Al worked many years together at RCHS. I never saw Al a whole lot and especially after Bill and I moved to GA. After Bill passed away, and I experienced the many tropical storms and hurricanes without Bill, - Al was always so kind to me, thinking of me, and checking on me in how I was doing in the weather. I always appreciated those comments on Facebook when he took the time to check on me, it meant a lot to me, - such a dear friend he was to me and also to Bill. I will surely miss Al, - his passing has made me very sad because there just wasn't anyone like Al. He was in a class all by himself, a sweet, caring, and great friend, - and I know from the comments, a great super teacher. I haven't been back to Rushville for many years, but Al never forgot to check on me as my Facebook friend, how I was coping with the weather here. How great was that? Great, indeed, showed how caring and thoughtful he was. He was example as a kind man, a kind friend to Bill and to me. I certainly will miss Al very much.*

**Marlene Hensler** - October 21, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ *al was a fun man to be around and i cherish the times and dinners he and sueann and my wife and i had when we came back to visit rushville. a great loss and so much rushville and rush county history lost too. rest in peace my friend*

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**Michael Hess** - October 19, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ *I don't know what the Rushville School Administration did to attract a young 20 something college grad to "begin" their teaching career at RHS when they had the ability to go anywhere and teach somehow defies to make any sense.*



*We all were on the receiving end of then Mr. Hodge's very own way of bullying. He treated everyone the same. However it was all in good fun and everyone knew that, even those you "smacked" on the back of their heads in study hall to "wake up." Having student attendance takers made it sooo easy to cut 3d period study hall (1st lunch period) and extend our own lunches to two periods!*

*For the generations of students you taught,your life will remain alive in our memories of you for generations to come. Thank you!*

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**Greg Raike** - October 19, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Best Psychology teacher ever* ❤️



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**Nancy Mills** - October 19, 2019 at 04:10 PM

SK

“ Like me most of Albert’s classmates attended historic New Harmony school for 12 years together in the same building. Albert was to me somebody very special, a bit extrinsic, always interesting to be around. I have not seen him much since high school but always enjoyed his humor and friendship. We his classmates are sorry for his passing. Sue Kaetzel.

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**Sue Kaetzel** - October 19, 2019 at 03:21 PM

LP

“ I first met Mr. Hodge when he came to town....he lived at my grandmother's house as a boarder. Little did I know I would later have him as a teacher.

I had Mr. Hodge for psychology in high school. He picked on me every single class and often commented negatively about my appearance, enough to tick me off - I knew he was teasing me but I got tired of it. However, one day I had enough and jumped back at him and he then laid off picking on me for the remainder of the semester. This lesson repeated itself later in my professional life with a doctor who used to yell at me every shift making me believe i was a stupid nurse. A close friend told me to stand up for myself. I too kind that advice and yelled back on eshift and told him I knew what I was doing and he needed to stop belittling me. It worked in this instance just as it did with Mr, Hodge and the doctor and I developed a wonderful relationship. I quit letting people run over me in life and stand up for myself easily these days. Thank you, Mr. Hodge!

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**Louann Phares** - October 19, 2019 at 10:21 AM

MG

“ I would not have become an archaeologist if it had not been for Al! He was instrumental in guiding my path into history and archaeology, and I will always be grateful for his mentorship and his friendship throughout the years. I have so many memories of Al, and all of them are good ones. And, as anyone who has known Al can attest, most of them are repeatable but some are not! He and my Dad were both colleagues and good friends, and I know that they are now together yukking up the good old days, while we have to rely on our memories. Al, you will remain in my memories and my heart forever!

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**Marlesa Gray** - October 18, 2019 at 03:38 AM

AT

“ April Todd lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge



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**April Todd** - October 17, 2019 at 05:26 PM

MC

“ Misty Meredith Cochran lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge



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**Misty Meredith Cochran** - October 17, 2019 at 10:48 AM

SB

“ Gary and I lived on the corner of Main Street and Park Blvd 53 years ago. I was pregnant with our daughter Barbra, and I was often tired and cranky. One Friday we asked Albert over for supper and I fixed fried potatoes pork chops and sauerkraut. I was in love with my husband but I loved Albert almost as much. He was magic. He was exciting and funny and infuriating. He could make me so mad at times but then be so intuitive and tender the next minute. I wanted to please my two boys with a nice dinner but I was big and heavy and tired easily. I was warming up the sauerkraut when Albert started teasing me about heating up the sauerkraut. He kept up with this tease till I got good and angry and threw the hot dish of kraut at his head. It flew past his head and hit the wall behind him and slid down the wall and landed on the little side table. Amazingly it mostly stayed in the bowl but some landed on Albert's head. We were all amazed that I did that and it flew so far and stayed in the dish. I was over being so mad at him and we all just giggled and sat down and enjoyed being young and happy and together.

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**Sandy and Gary Brown** - October 17, 2019 at 09:51 AM

RM

“ Rhonda Maupin lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge



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**Rhonda Maupin** - October 17, 2019 at 09:46 AM

JB

“ Janet (Safewright) Bolan lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge



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**Janet (Safewright) Bolan** - October 17, 2019 at 09:45 AM

JB

*He was a teacher who taught me lessons for life, gave me laughs, and tools to use for my mental health. He had a way of making everyone feel valued and I will never forget him.*

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**Janet (Safewright) Bolan** - October 17, 2019 at 09:47 AM

FS

“ Al and Dad were fellow teachers and good friends. I got to know him when I was working on my book about Dad, "The Collected Works of Jim Scott". He was a great help. We launched the book at a breakfast at Miller's Merry Manor so Al could attend. I've visited with him weekly since then, most recently just this Sunday, Oct. 13. He was a wonderful conversationalist. We solved many world problems. I'll really miss the guy.

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**Fred Scott** - October 17, 2019 at 03:22 AM

BF

“ Many fond memories of a wonderful Teacher and mentor!

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**Barb Frazee** - October 16, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ *Al was a true friend that I honestly loved. We were fortunate to have fallen for each other while costarring in Rush County Player's "Born Yesterday " production, which was directed by Dave Gaunt. Al was like a teddy bear on the inside, and a tough drill sergeant on the outside. His students learned so much from him, as he was pure genius. I could never forget him, or his wit. Al, you will be missed! I sincerely hold a special place in my heart for you.*

Stephanie Hasecuster - October 16, 2019 at 09:45 PM



*Al was a very good teacher and friend of mine and my husband. He holds a special place in our hearts. Many laughs and good memories through high school with this man. Al you truly will be missed but will always be remembered.*

Terri VanSchoyck - October 16, 2019 at 10:42 PM



*GRAYSON MAHAHAN and MR HODGE ERE MY FAVORITES!*

william howard - October 16, 2019 at 11:37 PM



“ *Aaron Scholl lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge*



Aaron Scholl - October 16, 2019 at 09:39 PM

HA

“ *Heather Acton lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge*



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**Heather Acton** - October 16, 2019 at 09:20 PM

BC

“ *Beth Clifton lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge*



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**Beth Clifton** - October 16, 2019 at 09:09 PM

KD

“ *My heart goes out to the family. he was an amazing man and it was an honor to know him. he will be missed so dearly* ❤️

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**Kelsay Davidson** - October 16, 2019 at 08:28 PM

SS

“ *Sydney Snedegar lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge*



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**sydney snedegar** - October 16, 2019 at 07:23 PM

MB

“ Always looked forward to class with Al Hodge. Here's to his sharp wit and a great sense of humor!

Michael Brewer - October 16, 2019 at 05:19 PM

MA

“ What a funny & memorable guy! Loved his classes! He'll be missed for sure!

Marsha - October 16, 2019 at 04:49 PM

JJ

“ Mr. Hodge was always embarrassing my hubby and I as we were together. Loved that guy. He will be deeply missed. RIP MR HODGE.

Jamey jacobs - October 16, 2019 at 03:54 PM

CP

“ Christi Peach lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge



Christi Peach - October 16, 2019 at 03:27 PM

CP

*He was one of the most influential teachers in my life! We shared a birthday so it was always fun having that connection with him. Even as his health failed, his wit never did. I will greatly miss stopping in to visit him at Miller's when I am there to see my mom. God Bless you, Al. It was such an honor to have loved and respected you.*

Christi Peach - October 17, 2019 at 06:23 PM

CA

“ *caroline Allison*  
2 minutes ago

*I remember having Mr Hodge in Geography many moons ago! Once in study hall which was in the cafeteria a guy got in trouble for sleeping 😓 Mr Hodge poured water down the back of his pants! The guy jumped up and I guaranteed he didn't sleep in his classes again! I sure knew better! Mr Hodge was a good teacher! You had to really know him and he loved to make us laugh and be on the alert to pay attention! God rest his sole and prayers to the family!*



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**caroline Allison** - October 16, 2019 at 03:23 PM

CA

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**caroline Allison** - October 16, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ *I think it was my Junior year @ RHS & I was taking the SAT. Al was the monitor for the test. All of a sudden, I vomited in a trash can & realized @ that same moment that I had a rash all over my body! Al came over, looked @ me & said “Thank you Miss Davis for exposing everyone to measles.” We all finished the SAT, but many of the students also came down with the measles in the coming days. His witty sarcasm got me through some very tough times in high school & I will cherish his memory!! RIP sweet man!! 😓❤️*

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**Angie Riggle** - October 16, 2019 at 03:08 PM

CA

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**caroline Allison** - October 16, 2019 at 03:19 PM

CA

*Sorry posted in wrong place!*

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**caroline Allison** - October 16, 2019 at 03:22 PM

BM

*“ I used to work at MMM in dietary I broke his coffee cup that belong to him so went out and brought him one he really like it and used it every day RIP Love Betty Myrick*

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**Betty Myrick** - October 16, 2019 at 02:36 PM

KD

*Had Mr.Hodge for psychology class. He was awesome. Loved his personality. Great man*

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**kathy doerflein** - October 16, 2019 at 08:35 PM

MJ

*“ Melissa James lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Hodge*



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**Melissa James** - October 16, 2019 at 02:18 PM