



Joseph J. Tindal

May 16, 1946 - December 3, 2016

Mr. Joseph J. Tindal

Son of the late Mattie M. Smith and Julius Daniels, Sr., departed this earthly life on December 3, 2016.

Joseph born in Sumter, SC, at age 10 relocated to Leckrone, PA and resided with his "Aunt Mutt", Edith Tuck. He joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church and was an active member through his teen years. Joseph graduated from the German Township High School and attended Waynesburg University, Waynesburg, PA on an academic and wrestling scholarship. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education/Mathematics and later earned a Masters of Education/Curriculum and Supervision, a Principal Certificate and Superintendents Letter of Eligibility from the University of Pittsburgh.

Joseph's legacy includes teaching elementary school in the Albert Gallatin Area School District where he was a member of a team of educators who developed and implemented the Non-graded Teaching Method. Student progress was reported not by grades, but by completed tasks. These teaching methods, which have been published and are referenced in teacher education curriculum where Mr. Joseph Tindal is recognized as a contributor. He later joined the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown Campus, Johnstown, PA. Wanting to get back into the classroom to work directly with the children, in 1973, he accepted a teaching position with the Wilkesburg Borough School District. During his 38 years with the district, "Mr. Tindal" as he become known, held various positions: Teacher, Assistant Principal,

Principal, Director of Personnel, Acting Superintendent and finally Superintendent. Joseph was very active in the Wilkinsburg Community and was involved with the Boys and Girls Club, Kiwanis and Hosanna House and other community endeavors. He was known for his generous donations, guest readings at the elementary schools and playing Santa, which gave him just as much pleasure as it gave the children.

Joseph retired from the District in 2006, but continued to work in the community until his unexpected health complications took him to be with the Lord.

Retirement was spent caring and cheering for his two grandchildren Kelcei and Brannon. He also devoted time to an adopted granddaughter, Sidney. His one vice was playing golf. If the temperature was above 30 degrees, his clubs were in hand! Rain or shine, he played and welcomed the challenge of 18 holes and a hot dog at the turn.

His parents, two brothers Julius Daniels, Jr. and Sandy Daniels, preceded Joseph in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories his son, Joseph Jay Tindal; four sisters, Debra Ann Smith, Mary B. Glisson, Carrie M. (Charles) Goodman, all of Sumter, SC, Yvonne (Ricky) Stuckey of Bishopville, SC; two brothers, Mack Daniels and Roosevelt Daniels of Sumter, SC; two grandchildren, Kelcei Jordan Edmonds-Tindal and Joseph Brannon Tindal all of Pittsburgh; adopted granddaughter Sidney Wooten; one Uncle, Moses Daniels, Sr.; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family has requested that a donation be made to the Hosanna House 300 program in the name of Joseph J. Tindal in lieu of flowers. This link will take you directly to the HHI Donation page <<https://www.hosannahouse.org/donate.asp>>.

Please direct people to take the following actions:

- Select: Hosanna House 300 in the State Donation Purpose drop down
- Select: The donation is in memory of Joseph J. Tindal

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

South Avenue United Methodist Church
733 South Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph J. Tindal*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Some of the best years of my career were spent working with you, and I will always be grateful for the difference you made in my career! Thank you, Joe, for teaching me so much about life and about leadership! The work of your hands and your heart changed the world for countless children and colleagues.*



Something tells me that you would not be looking for "eternal rest" so I pray that you are somewhere on Heaven's golf course enjoying the best round yet!

Susan Heatherington

Susan Heatherington - December 09, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ *I was fortunate to meet Joe during the 1980's when I was the PSEA Representative working with the Education Assoc. Joe's graciousness, humanity and intelligence were a blessing to be able to have known. I always looked forward to any opportunity to talk about education with Joe. My condolences to the Tindal family.*

Eugene Schmidt - December 07, 2016 at 08:16 PM

TS

“ *Mr. Tindal was always thinking about the children of the Wilkinsburg School District, from reading to Pre-K students or the annual toy give away he was always giving. Thank you for everything*

Tanya Smith - December 07, 2016 at 07:38 PM

RS

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Tindal. He was the most kind hearted person to ever meet. One of the best principles of WHS. You will be missed,*

Robin Staton - December 07, 2016 at 09:41 AM

DW

“ *Mr. Tindal was a selfless servant of ALL children. He was generous, genuine and caring for his fellow man. A true inspiration of a life that deserves to be immortalized and transcends generations*

Dominic Woods - December 07, 2016 at 04:03 AM

TL

“ *Tommy LaFitte lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Tindal*



Tommy LaFitte - December 06, 2016 at 04:39 PM

TL

A man who worked hard at what he loved... educating the children of Wilkinsburg

Tommy LaFitte - December 06, 2016 at 04:41 PM



A HERO

Darius Harvey - December 27, 2016 at 07:21 AM

DT

“ Our family honors the life and work of Joseph Tindal; his dedication to improving the lives of others was evident the very first time our family met with him.

In 1983 our daughters, Mavi & Erika (14 and 11 respectively) arrived from Mexico to a new culture, a new language, and a new school environment. As the Principal at Wilkinsburg High School, Joseph Tindal became a key individual in the academic and social growth of our daughters; he championed for the best resources available through the University of Pittsburgh to give Mavi & Erika English as a second language classes.

Our daughter's today are successful and thriving professionals. Our youngest, Erika, is the Director of Business Development of an American Company based in Cleveland traveling the world; and our oldest, Mavi, is the Executive Director of New HYTES and not-for-profit organization associated with Yale University, it provides tennis development and academic support to underserved youth in New Haven, CT.

Joseph's effort to make sure our daughters learned a new language and adapted fully to a new culture, created a life long effect that influences today many others.

“Joe” became a life long and dear family friend. Our family is eternally grateful for all that “Joe” gave of himself, not only our daughters, but for all the youth that he impacted with his life and his work.

Joseph Tindal you will be missed and forever honored.

Daniel and Elvia Tomczyk-Sanchez

Daniel & Elvia Tomczyk-Sanchez - December 06, 2016 at 04:26 PM

DP

My family and I wish to extend our condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Mr. Joseph Tindal. All of my siblings were able to benefit from the administrative leadership of Mr. Tindal. Each of us have stories we tell of his kindness and special attention while students at Wilkinsburg Jr-Sr. High School. I personally kept in touch with Mr. Tindal after my graduation. I sent grade reports to him while in college each semester. When I returned home on breaks, Mr. Tindal helped me secure employment with his recommendation. I am eternally grateful for his kindness. One of my fondest memories was when my mother shared that she saw Mr. Tindal out and about. He took time to speak to her and asked about me and my siblings. He then pulled out a picture from his wallet...it was my senior picture. I smiled for days after my mom shared the story with me. Thank you Mr. Tindal for believing in a little girl from Wilkinsburg. I hope you know I owe much to you! I am a proud recipient of your inspiration, dedication and support.

Daria Price, Ed.S

Daria Price - December 06, 2016 at 07:20 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Joseph J. Tindal*



Cynthia Thomas - December 06, 2016 at 03:03 PM

CT

Rest In Peace Sir

Cynthia Thomas - December 06, 2016 at 03:04 PM

JK

A gentle soul.....rest in peace

Judi Plisko Kolencik - December 06, 2016 at 03:46 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the album Joseph J. Tindal



Student - December 06, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ May he rest in peace in the Hands of the Lord above. He did a lot of wonderful things for the children of Wilkinsburg and after looking at Facebook, they certainly appreciated those efforts. Even the children that were expelled from school, Joe always made sure to make appropriate arrangements for them to continue their education. As a staff member he tried, sometimes through difficult school board decisions, to see that we had enough books and supplies with which to teach. I will miss him.

Ed Blotzer - December 06, 2016 at 09:47 AM

CL

“ So very sorry to hear the passing of a great man. May God Bless Mr. Tindal.

Cynthia Lee - December 06, 2016 at 12:38 AM

HT

Praying for the Tindal Family He was my Principal in High school He made sure everything was taken care of you will never be forgotten RIP MR TINDAL U WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART!!!

hEATHER thURMAN - December 06, 2016 at 09:38 AM

KP

So sorry to hear about Mr. Tindal. He was my elementary teacher and friend of the family. He was part of the teaching staff in the AG school system way back in the late 60s & early 70s. To have an African American male teacher during this time period always made me proud of him. Good role model for all students. Very sorry to hear this sad news.

Kelvin Parnell

Kelvin Parnell - December 06, 2016 at 01:23 PM

CS

Wow that was the nicest Principal always so nice even if i wasn't. Excellent mentor for the kids who grew up without a father . Will be be sorely missed by his family and friends ! Rest in peace !

clinton sanford - December 06, 2016 at 02:53 PM