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Risner, Clarence, of Bellbrook, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at the age of 83. Clarence was born to Pearl and Shirley (Cornett) Risner-Mullins on January 5, 1933 in Elie, Kentucky. After serving in the United States Navy on the USS Lake Champlain CV-39, he dedicated his life to education, working in the Sugarcreek School System for 30 years as a Chemistry and Biology teacher. He also served as Principal for 4 years but missed the classroom so he returned to teaching chemistry. He loved being a teacher and loved his students and co-workers dearly. Clarence also loved golfing, talking knives, fishing in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, roaming the hills of Kentucky, and drinking a good cup of coffee. Clarence was very involved in the community. He was on the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School Board for 20 years, was a Past Master Mason for Lodge #163 in Waynesville, served on the Greene County Career Center Board, was a Past President for the National Knife Collectors Association, owner of C. Risner Cutlery (retail knife sales), and a member of the Shriners. He inspired a lot of people and will truly be missed. He is preceded in death by his parents and his former wife, Joyce Risner, 2 brothers, Larry Mullins, and Roger Mullins, and a sister, Hilda Jenkins. He is survived by his daughter Pamela Jackson (Gary) of Bellbrook, grandson Austin Jackson, wife of 10 years, Betty Risner and her children Debbie Leach (Herm) of Franklin, and Tom Simonton of Florida, sister Beulah Armstrong (Frank) of West Carrollton, brother Phil Mullins (Emma) of Oklahoma, and brother Marion Mullins (Darlene) of Riverside. Friends, family, former students, knife collectors, and all who knew him are invited to gather for a life celebration visitation on Monday, June 13, 2016 from 6-8 pm at Conner and Koch Life Celebration Home, 92 W. Franklin St., Bellbrook. His life celebration service will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 11 am at Conner and Koch Life Celebration Home with Matthew Allen and Bryan Forbes officiating. Burial will be at Bellbrook Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Shriner's Hospitals for



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Children-Cincinnati, 3229 Burnett Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45229. You can order flowers, upload pictures or write condolences to the family at www.ConnerAndKoch.com by clicking on his name.

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DL

Diane Lindamood posted:

A year has passed since we lost Mr. Risner, but I know he lives in the hearts of all of us who knew him. He was the best teacher ever, and one who deeply cared for his students and wanted them to learn the sciences he taught. I give my condolences to his family and loved ones, as anniversaries can be difficult.

May 31 at 8:00 PM

EH

Eric, Neha & Iris Van Hoose posted:

Marion - our deepest condolences to you & your family in this difficult time. May you find comfort in the memories and legacy your brother left.

June 12 at 8:00 PM

RS

Rick & Nellie Spence posted:

I was saddened to hear of Clarence's passing, he was the best friend I had here on Earth. I enjoyed many knife shows with him. We had many conversations, not just about knives but life. Austin, He was so proud of you and your accomplishments and he loved to tease Betty. He was always so good to my family and I. He really will be missed.

June 11 at 8:00 PM

DG

Debbie Edwards Gross posted:

Thoughts and prayers for you and your family Pam. I still remember playing back on Pinegrove. Your dad has left an inspiring legacy. I hope you find comfort in knowing the many lives he has touched.

June 10 at 8:00 PM

LP

Lisa Pruitt posted:

My condolences you Mr Risner's loved ones. He was my favorite teacher. I made me live learning, love science. I graduated college with a chemistry degree and then went into biochemistry. I now work at MD Anderson managing clinical trials. Me Risner was a huge influence on me getting where I am. I remember lots of the lessons he taught beyond chemistry. I remember his -isms, his laughter, his passion. I knew that he loved us all. Mr. Risner will be missed. His influence will live on. God bless. Class of 85

June 10 at 8:00 PM



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SB

Sharon Berryhill posted:

Clarence was one of the best people I have ever known. I still remember vividly the first day I ever met him. He was kind, loving and upbeat. He and I loved to pick on one another from the very first. That was part of the fun. He never, ever made me feel bad though. In fact, he took care of me in so many ways. His students loved him too. In fact, our daughter was so upset when he retired that she argued with him over it. Can you imagine students being angry that you retired,? But that was Clarence's legacy. So many people who loved him.

June 10 at 8:00 PM

JA

Judi Vargo Anderson posted:

Mr. Risner was one of the very best teachers I had at Bellbrook High School. I had him for Biology and Chemistry. He knew how to share his passion for Science in an interesting and always humorous way:-)I know I wouldn't have passed Chemistry if it hadn't been for his willingness to tutor me after school. He was also a wonderful adviser for the school newspaper. He will be missed and will live on in those of us who were lucky to know him. Judi Vargo Anderson, Class of 1965

June 10 at 8:00 PM

DL

Diane Lindamood posted:

I am very saddened to learn we have lost one of the best high school teachers ever. I was lucky enough to have him for a teacher for all 4 years in high school. He was also my home room teacher for 4 years. He even went on our senior class trip back in 1963! He was fun, but made sure we learned the sciences he taught, so I was well prepared when I went to college. My sincere condolences to his family. He will certainly be missed.

June 9 at 8:00 PM

CL

Cheryl Lindamood posted:

Mr. Risner will certainly be missed. He was a great teacher. His teaching was serious, but he made it fun at the same time. My trips back to Ohio would always include a luncheon with some of the Classmates of 63 and Mr. Risner.

June 9 at 8:00 PM



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PT

Pamela Dexter Tate posted:

I send my deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Risner. He was my very favorite teacher. Bellbrook High School Class of 1965.

June 9 at 8:00 PM

PF

Patrick Fryman posted:

RIP Clarence Risner -- you were one of a kind! My prayers and thoughts to your family.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

KH

Ken Howe posted:

One of the best teachers I ever had. He made chemistry fun. Was honored to have known him. My condolences to the Risner family.

June 8 at 8:00 PM



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