



Rollin Joel Haney

March 18, 2010

Rollin Joel Haney went to his eternal home in heaven on March 18, 2010, at the age of 75, surrounded by his loving family at Grant Hospital, Columbus. He was born in Warsaw, Indiana, on February 22, 1935, to Ralph and Mary Haney. His passions included music and sports. A graduate of Manchester College in Indiana, Joel held a Masters degree in music education from The Ohio State University. He touched many lives through his 30 years of directing vocal choirs at Worthington High School in addition to directing numerous church vocal and bell choirs. In retirement, he continued to touch many lives through his involvement in Leap of Faith, a Christian-based dance company in Westerville and other non-profit organizations. He was an avid sports fan, gardener and master woodworker. He was known for his generous spirit and wisdom, a true role model for others as he lived with integrity and open hands. A member of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Joel is survived by his wife, Beth, of 54 years; their three children, Susan (Mike) Williford, Dave (Kelley) Haney and Phil (Sharyn) Haney; and their ten grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Bob, Paul and Ben; his sister, Margaret; their spouses; and other family and friends. His life will be celebrated by those who were blessed to love him and be loved by him on Monday, March 22, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085. A funeral service, officiated by Pastors Bonnie Gerber and Mike Weaver, will be held on Tuesday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 N. High St., Worthington, OH. Interment will

follow immediately at Kingwood Memorial Park on State Route 23, north of Worthington.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rollin Joel Haney*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I would like to send my condolences to the Haney family. I was in the same class as Susan and participated in several choirs and musical productions under Mr. Haney's direction. I enjoyed them all and although I was in the chorus, he treated me with the same respect and expected the same effort as the show's starts. When I think of my time at WHS (there is still only one in my mind), my memories of his classes or in the shows comes first. - Scott Allen, Class of '77*

Scott Allen - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Joel Haney: I have a vivid memory of being the percussionist in the pit orchestras for various productions for which Joel was the Musical Director and singing 2 years in the choir. He, David Miller and Bob Hartwell had a definite influence on my musical life and the professions I pursued. I shall never forget his patient manner. My only regret is not having returned often to Worthington specifically to thank those who had so much to do with directing my future. In the meantime, I send my deep sympathies to his wife and grand family.*

Dave Palmer (WHS '67) - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ When I hear the Messiah played I think of my days in choir with Mr Haney. My favorite time in school was singing and preparing for a concert. I still remember his face getting red when he would get frustrated. Gosh he was good at what he did with what he had to work with. I vaguely remember helping move his family into a home in Worthington Estates..This was 1967 or so..Wow!! We lost a good everyone..God Bless the Haney Family!!

Paul Groeniger - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

C8

“ My sincerest condolences reach out to ALL of Mr. Haney's family. It has been far too many years since I last saw him, but this world feels emptier knowing that he is not physically with us. He seemed invincible. Death is a strange thing. We all know it's inevitable, but we're surprised when it comes. We're often left wishing that we'd made the time to reach out and thank those who have helped us along our life's journey. Mr. Haney was truly one those important people in my life throughout high school. High school is challenging on many levels and having someone in your corner is so important. Mr. Haney was always in my corner. His belief in my abilities was invaluable to me. I will always love and appreciate him for the mentor he was for me and for all of his students. His great expectations for us were not unattainable goals, but were markers of what he believed we were capable. And he was right. So, I hope he knew how important he was to me and to other students over the many years he taught. And thank you, to his family, for sharing him with all of us. We are better for having known him.

Carol Brown Walker (Class of 80) - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ My deepest sympathies to Beth and the family. I always enjoyed working with Joel and his concerts were such a joy.

Pat Stegman - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Beth and family, Joel has been a life saver for me in so many ways. As Chancel Choir librarian, he kept things perfectly organized. I feel so fortunate that he was able to substitute for me as conductor, especially during my extended illness most recently. The choir and I will always appreciate the boundless gifts he shared with all of us.
Jan Arthur

Jan Arthur - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Mr. Haney will be greatly missed by me and my daughters Jessica and Madeline. His smiling, loving face were the first and last things we saw every monday nite at dance class. What a wonderful man.

Jill Haig Rogers - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Little did Joel know that day in 1983, when he allowed me to join choir 6 weeks late, that he would have such an enormous effect not only on my life, but on the lives of all of my students who have had me teach them Music Theory like he taught me. Ripples extend beyond our reach, and Mr. Haney knew how to make a splash! He will be missed. Please accept my heartfelt condolences at the loss of this true Mensch. He may be gone, but never forgotten. My prayers are with you, Beth, and with your family. Love, Joe

Dr. Joseph C. Crabtree - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Beth, My most sincere as well as warm wishes to you and your family. Joel's passing certainly will leave a gigantic hole in the musical world as well. I wish I could be there but I am now living with my wife, Heidi, in Winston-Salem, NC

Ken Heaps - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ Mr Haney was an inspiration as my choir director for four years at Worthington High School. I have been singing ever since I left high school and I can't help but thank Mr Haney for the part he played in encouraging and training so many with strong work ethics, excellence and perseverance. He made a difference in people's lives! I'm glad to know I will be joining him in the heavenly choirs for all of eternity!

Amy Quelette Yost - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Joel Haney and to take this opportunity to say that Mr. Haney was one of my favorite teachers while at Worthington High School. I had three years with Mr. Haney - in Choir, Girls Ensemble and Mixed Ensemble. He was a kind individual who expected perfection from each member of his musical groups but he led by example by offering perfection in his teaching and guidance. Whenever my thoughts return to years at WHS, Mr. Haney is always in the forefront. Please know he touched many lives and made a difference in people's lives. How wonderful to be remembered that way - my prayers are with you.

Carolee Oertel - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ David and Family, I'm so sorry to hear about Joel. I will not be able to attend any of the services as I am out of town, but my thoughts are with you as you begin to cope with this loss. Jon

Jon Wink - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the Haney family. I was in choir in 1975 and 76. He was a task master but he made sure everything was perfect and that was one of his greatest qualities. He even played at my wedding!! Please know you are all in my prayers during this difficult time.

Cheryl Calendine - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Haney's passing. He was my favorite teacher at Worthington. He was the first person to tell me I could sing well, and, thanks to his encouragement, I am now a soloist. His music theory class has been a great source of knowledge over the years. I've been able to apply much of his teachings to the many areas of music I've been part of since high school. My thoughts and prayers are with David and the rest of the family. - Darlene Clutter Holloway, Class of 1981

Darlene Clutter Holloway - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I attended Worthington H. S. from 1969-1971. Mr. Haney was a wonderful music teacher who had a great deal of effect on me. I am in my 34th year as a public educator and presently Superintendent of Anniston City Schools in Anniston, Alabama. While I extend my sincere sympathy, I want all of the Haney family to know that I went on to be a confident student and singer because of the chances he gave me. (I am sure you do not remember me - Elzabetta Parrett was my aunt.) Anyway, I wish all of you peace and comfort at this time, but from my perspective, the life of Joel Haney was indeed a life well lived. Joan Fox Frazier

Joan Fox Frazier - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM