



# Melvin R. Rasmussen

NOV 25, 1937 - AUG 30, 2016



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## **Melvin R. Rasmusson**

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**M**elvin R. Rasmusson, age 78, a lifelong resident of Hazel Park, passed on August 30, 2016 at his home. He was born in Detroit on November 25, 1937. Beloved husband of Hisa, loving father of Douglas (Millie) and Robert (Robin). Grandfather of: Christian, Hans, Bobby (Sally), Noah and Maddy. He is predeceased by first wife Vicki and son, Timothy Rasmusson. He started teaching at Lincoln High School, in Warren, where he was a wrestling coach. Then he was Administrator at Lincoln Junior High. He became Principal at Beecher Junior High School, then Assistant Superintendent of Hazel Park Schools. He became Superintendent and held that position until his retirement. He was also a longtime School Board Member. Visitation will be held, Friday (Sept. 2nd), 3 to 9PM, at Hopcroft Funeral Home, Hazel Park Chapel. Service will be Saturday at 11:00 AM at Funeral Home.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Friday**, September 2, 2016

 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

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MI



## Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, September 3, 2016

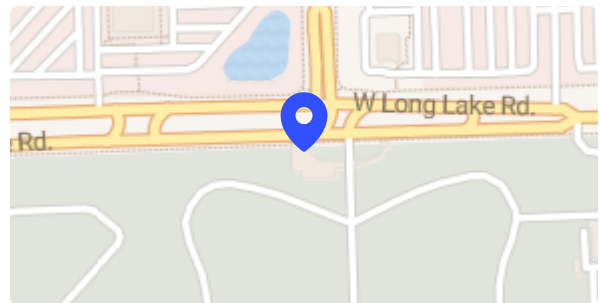
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## Cemetery Details

 **White Chapel Cemetery**  
621 W. Long Lake Rd, Troy MI 48098





## Tribute Wall

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RB

**Rod Bidinger** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Rest in Peace Mr Ras!!! Great teacher and coach. I remember my 3 years on the Lincoln Wrestling team quite fondly!!!! See you again when I get to the other side some day.....

September 3 at 5:30 PM



**Karen Van Conant Laitur** posted:

RIP Mr. Rasmussen. You were a great coach and a fine man. I'm glad I was at LHS when you were there making Lincoln a POWERHOUSE!

September 3 at 4:46 PM

SW

**Switch** posted:

Mel was many things to different people-all positive. He was a fantastic athlete, he was a fantastic coach, he was a great educator, he was one of the funniest people I ever knew and above all he was a tremendous friend with a heart of gold. He truly one of a kind and will truly be missed. RIP Mel!!!

September 3 at 3:30 PM

KP

**Karen Pleasant** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Mr. Rasmusson was one of my most memorable teachers...He will be missed...My prayers go out to his family...

September 3 at 5:01 AM



DB

**Don Badaczewski** posted:

Mel Rasmusson was an intelligent, hard-working educator who was dedicated to improving the lives of Hazel Park students and families. He was a persistent steward of hard-earned taxpayer dollars who left the district in sound financial condition with a healthy fund balance. His honest, straightforward leadership inspired the Hazel Park staff to give their best effort each and every day.

September 3 at 3:56 AM



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TD

**Thomas Delia** posted:

I am sorry to hear about Mel's loss. I knew him as a coach at Lincoln then as my coach at Macomb Community College. He had a great sense of humor. He was a great coach.

September 3 at 3:50 AM

TK

**Tom King** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Coach Mel's passing. I owe my drive and determination to his unrelenting coaching style. He was an amazing coach who loved his wrestlers and always pushed them to do their best both on the mat and off the mat. I was only able to wrestle for him for 2 years but those 2 years stuck with me the rest of my life. I never gave up because i always heard his voice in my ear yelling to get up and MOVE!!.

September 3 at 2:45 AM

KB

**Ken Behnke** posted:

i am so saddened by the passing of Mel. He was an extremely nice person and one of the best wrestling coaches in the state. I enjoyed my 2 years wrestling under Coach. I will truly miss him as will all the kids he coached and came in contact with. I also was glad to hook up with him on Facebook. RIP coach

September 2 at 12:56 PM

DR

**Doug Rasmusson** August 20 at 12:55 PM

Ken, my father never forgot any of the young men that wrestled for him. You all left a mark on him. Thank you Doug Rasmusson



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**Lyn Hawthorne** posted:

We are very sorry for the loss of your Husband, Father and Grand-father. Mel was a really nice man and we had a lot of respect for Mel. When our daughter Tricia married Tim he treated her sons, Meyer, Andrew and John as if they were his own grandchildren, he treated them as part of his family right away. We didn't know him as well as we would have liked to because we lived out of state, but getting to know him was easy, he was a easy going and good man. Rest in peace Mel! Frank and Lyn Hawthorne

September 1 at 11:57 AM



**Joseph Rivas** September 3 at 6:32 AM

Was my high school wrestling coach and taught me the value of hard work and the possibility of accomplishing a dream...his humor and talent never left me...sympathies to the family...



**Mary Watson-Chavez (South Oakland Districts Mea)** sent a Cherished Memories to the Rasmusson family.



September 1 at 8:32 AM



**John** posted:

For several years I was Mr. Rasmusson's Letter Carrier in HP and we would talk almost daily. He was an amazing man who deeply loved his family and had a good sense of humor and loved the community of Hazel Park. Always humble and generous he will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

September 1 at 6:17 AM



**Tricia Podolsky** posted:

With deepest sympathies to the family of Mel. As a neighbor of his in Fisherman's Landing in Jupiter FL. He was a very kind man. He will be missed. Regards, Tricia Podolsky

September 1 at 6:13 AM



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CE

**Cathy Evans** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



September 1 at 4:29 AM

JG

**Jane Flarity-Gram** posted:

I am saddened by the loss of Mel Rasmusson. He was a leader in the Hazel Park School District for many years. I am sure he was one of the administrators who helped guide and support me early on. Although I have left Hazel Park, I will continue to remind myself and others of the incredible learning experiences available. Mel visited my classroom on several occasions, engaged in genuine conversation and listened when additional input was necessary. He believed and supported all teachers, families and students of Hazel Park Community Schools and will be greatly missed. With great respect, Jane Flarity-Gram

August 31 at 5:41 PM

PS

**Pat Schultz** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



August 31 at 1:38 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Melvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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