



## George S. Marcum

January 8, 1936 - May 22, 2014

George S. Marcum, 78 of Centralia, passed away Thursday, May 22, 2014 at Centralia Manor. George was born January 8, 1936 in Centralia, son of Stacy and Agnes (Brasel) Marcum. He married Karen (Killion) Marcum on September 29, 1956 at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and she survives in Centralia. In addition to his wife of 57 years, he is also survived by three sons: Brad Marcum and wife Cheryl of Indianapolis, IN, Greg Marcum and wife Pam of Centralia, and Chip Marcum of Centralia; a daughter: Gina Lynn Coulter and husband Jason of Centralia; ten grandchildren: Kenneth Marcum and wife Symeta of St. Louis, MO, Danielle Fauser and husband Jeff of Peoria, Dr. Blake Marcum and wife Lindsay of Springfield, Bethany Jensen and husband Caleb of Indianapolis, IN, Christopher Woodward of Dyersburg, TN, Kenzie Tate and husband Curtis of Centralia, Courtney Marcum of Pana, Tim Marcum and wife Ellia of Indianapolis, IN, Mason Marcum of Pana and Shelbee Coulter of Centralia; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers: Lyle "Fish" Marcum and wife Patsy and Billy Joe Marcum all of Centralia; two sisters: Jean Peters of Little Rock, AR and Carol Marcum of Chicago; a sister-in-law: Iris Marcum of Champaign; a special niece, Marty Golden of Spring Hill, FL; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Richard "Dick" Marcum and Roger Marcum, and two sisters: June Syznowski and Lila Keller. Also, a brother-in-law, Pete Peters and two sister-in-laws: Marie Marcum and Janette Marcum. George was an avid sports fan. Anytime the Orphans or the St. Louis Cardinals were playing

he would be able to give you up to the minute replays and stats. He loved watching all sports and spending time with family and friends. George earned numerous awards and letters for playing basketball, football and he would say track because they had to by Coach Evers when he was at CTHS. He went on to be a standout at Centralia Community College (Kaskaskia College) in basketball and earned a scholarship to Kentucky Wesleyan to play. He was inducted to both the Centralia Sports Hall of Fame and to the Kaskaskia Sports Hall of Fame. George loved to talk sports with anyone who could keep up with him. He loved to be surrounded by his kids and grandkids. He was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A Celebration of Life Service for George Marcum will be held Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M, Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just wanted to send my condolences to Mr. Marcum's family. I was in his 7th grade class at Young School (now Selmaville). I have a lot of fond memories of that year. When I think about Mr. Marcum, I always remember him reading to us--especially Edgar Allen Poe short stories. Mr. Marcum is the reason I developed a love of literature. Another fond memory is playing softball at recess time. He made it lots of fun! My dad Grover Malan was principal of Young at the time. He passed away almost 5 years ago. Hopefully they have reunited in heaven---maybe playing basketball because he too had been a excellent player in his day. May you find comfort and strength in God's love.

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**Judy (Malan)Kirkpatrick** - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am really going to miss u grandpa I cant believe ure gone have fun in heaven with dick Marcum and Roger rip we love you!!!!

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**Kenzie Tate** - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ George, We'll all miss you - a lot! You were a terrific athlete, listener, inquirer, conversationalist, news hound, beer-drinking buddy, sports and news guru, tough and courageous in battling your afflictions - and a truly special and compassionate friend - to an extraordinary number of people - from varying walks and eras of life. The only negative memory I have of you is the fact that you scored 43 points against my Salem Wildcats basketball team - in one of the 3 games in which we faced off with the Orphans our mutual Senior year. I'll not forget the good times we've had together, including the two trips you made out to Arizona - the first such trek (15 years ago?), when we spent some quality time with my high school BB coach, Walt Kirk; the last; when you and Karen came out in the Springtime of 2006 and we got together with Alton's Monyette and your former Orphans teammate Mickey Sprinkle and his wife, Julie(a). I regret (but moderately) that I was never able to get you to a local/Phoenix Red Lobster restaurant that you, persistently, kept lobbying me to take you to for dinner. I, ever since, have painfully sensed that you had not entirely forgiven me for that failure/slight. I'm especially glad that you, Karen, John & Marty Garrett, Bob Nickolaus, Bob Foster and I got together this past latest October for some BBQ in your Little Egypt neighborhood - when I was last back to my 'roots'. However, you weren't quite as attentive as you had always historically been when we'd had our periodic mini-reunions - over the so fast-passing decades. Did I mention that the Cardinals were playing the Red Sox on the TV and that you were facing the screen during that calorie-laden repast/feast? So long, So Good Friend George. May you have lasting peace and may your family members and closest friends be provided the strength sufficient to withstand their powerful grief and loss, upon your passing. Mike Benchoff

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Mike Benchoff - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM