



## Melvin D. Munroe

August 25, 1934 - February 15, 2022

Melvin D. Munroe passed away peacefully on February 15, 2022 from failing health with close family members by his side. Melvin was born in Waterboro, Maine on August 25, 1934. He grew up in South Portland, Maine and graduated from South Portland High School in 1952. He married Patricia Harvey on March 21, 1953 and settled in Connecticut where they raised four children.

Mel served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1957. Mel made a career change from milkman to teacher, graduating from Central Connecticut State College in 1968. He had a distinguished teaching career at Coventry High School in Coventry, Connecticut. He was beloved by his students and was named Town of Coventry Teacher Of The Year in 1988. He retired in 1994 and he and Pat fulfilled their retirement dream by moving to Citrus Park in Bonita Springs, Florida where they made many close friends. Mel was a proud member of the Citrus Park Softball League for about 25 years. In 2019 Mel was proud to participate in the Collier-Lee (FL) Honor Flight to Washington, DC which celebrated United States war veterans.

Mel was predeceased by his beloved wife, Pat in 2008; siblings, Raymond Clark and Virginia Lovejoy; his beloved cousin George Hazel; and grandson, Benjamin Lanning, Jr. He leaves behind his children, Michael (Joan) Munroe, Keith (Terry) Munroe, Gary Munroe and Dorothy Munroe; and grandchildren,

Sarah, Peter, Faith and Jeremy.

Mel was a wonderful father and grandfather and had great faith in God which sustained him during his final days. Special thanks to Hope Hospice for their compassionate care and a very special thanks to caretaker Missy Beswick for her extraordinary dedication to fulfill Mel's wish to pass away at his home.

Donations in Mel's memory can be made to Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Per Mel's wishes, his ashes will be scattered at Portland Head Light, Maine at a private family celebration this summer.

To sign Mel's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin D. Munroe*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Mr. Munroe was a great teacher and an honor to have had him as a teacher at Coventry, CT high school. Mr. Munroe was also a great man to chat with. May he rest in peace, and condolences for his family as well.*

**Drew Covell** - February 28, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dear Mike and Joan, I am so sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. May his love be forever in your hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Jill*

**Jill Fletcher** - February 27, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *To Mel's family, we are so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. We know that he was as fighter and fought to the end. We met Mel in Citrus Park at the rec hall, found out that he was from Maine the same as us and became friends. We miss seeing his smiling face and will be truly missed down here in Citrus Park/Bonita Terra. We were proud to call Mel our friend. BONNIE and BRUCE BAITLER*

**Bruce Baitler** - February 27, 2022 at 09:01 AM

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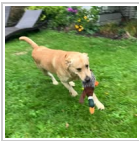
“ He was a big, strong, man! A great teacher, with a heart of gold. I am thankful he was/is a part of my life. - Doug Fayle. CHS, Class of 1969

Doug Fayle - February 26, 2022 at 09:10 AM

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“ So sorry to learn of the passing of your dear Dad, Grand-dad. He was a great teacher. I took his psychology class in high school and still remember some of his lessons to this day. He was compassionate and fun, highly respected and wise. May he rest in peace, a wonderful life lived.

Donna Costello - February 26, 2022 at 06:21 AM



“ My heartfelt wishes for peaceful memories of your dad, grandfather and friend. Mr. Monroe was my teacher in Coventry and I remember many conversations with him and class lectures from him because they were in fact memorable. There was typically a slightly mischievous twinkle in his eye, at least that's what I thought, and in his orbit you must always be on your toes. We crossed paths by pure chance in Maine a few years back and I do think he was as delighted to see where twenty odd years had taken me as I was to see that twinkle again. I thought the world of him. How lucky you all were to know him well and see him often.



With deepest sympathy,

Cathy Lockwood

Catherine Lockwood - February 26, 2022 at 01:06 AM