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Clyde Allen Finnell, 78, Palm Coast, Florida, died on April 29, 2013.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, Dr. Finnell's roots were in southwest Iowa. He was born Nov. 7, 1934, in Cumberland, Iowa, the only child of Dorothy (Peterman) and Rector Dempsey Finnell. He graduated from Massena High School, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Colorado State University and his doctoral degree in education from the University of Southern California. He also served two years in the U.S. Army.

His passion for learning and discovery were lifelong and lead him to a career in education – striving throughout his life to make learning fun and meaningful for all the students' lives he touched. He started his career as a science and math teacher in Colorado. In 1964, he and his family moved to Japan, where he began a 28-year-long career with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS) system. He served as a teacher, math and science curriculum coordinator and superintendent during his time with the DODDS system while living in Japan, Sicily and finally Germany. While overseas, he developed a love for travel and exploring different cultures. He visited many different countries in Europe and Asia for work and on family vacations.

After retirement, Dr. Finnell and his wife moved to Palm Coast, Florida, where he volunteered at the local animal shelter and did some part-time work, including serving as a little league umpire.

Dr. Finnell loved discussing politics and current events and was an avid reader—filling his home with a books on a variety of topics, especially history and biographies. He loved animals and was a strong advocate for adopting animals from shelters.



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He is survived by his wife, Eileen, Palm Coast; Son, Mike Finnell (John Hebert), Washington, D.C.; daughter, Brenda Morehead (Jeff), Marion, Indiana; and grandchildren Sam & Anna Morehead, Marion, IN.

All arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral & Cremation Service, Port Orange, FL.



Tribute Wall

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JD

Jim Dwyer posted:

As a High School Student at Itazuke Air Base Japan I remember Clyde as a Great Teacher. I was hoping that he would come to our High School Reunion that is planned for Nashville in 2014. I know he will be missed by many. Liz Johnson has post to our Itazuke Face Book page of his passing so many of his students will see this. Our prayers are with the family!!

May 17 at 5:08 AM

DM

Don Devona & Joan Maas posted:

We both enjoyed working with Clyde for several years in Karlsruhe and remember his upbeat, positive spirit; his can-do attitude; his enthusiasm for learning. That was his gift to all of us. Thank you, Clyde. Our condolences to the family with a special hug for Michael, Joan's wonderful former student. REST in PEACE, Clyde.

May 13 at 10:40 AM

BH

Bill And Hilde Hanley posted:

Hilde and I are very sad to hear of Clyde's passing. He will be truly missed. Clyde and I shared many memorable events and experiences while working together for many years in Bremerhaven, Germany. Our prayers are with him and his family.

May 9 at 4:25 PM

DC

Dr. And Mrs. Dick And Lis Coss posted:

Eileen, thanks for your patience when we got on the phone for those long chats about "the old days"! We loved Clyde very much and he gave a great deal to the overseas schools. Our very best to you and to his family.

May 8 at 5:57 AM

FK

Fannie Kelley posted:

Dear Eileen, Mike, and Brendal am so sad to learn that Clyde passed away earlier this week. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this mournful time. Clyde was such a good guy, he dutifully kept me informed on fellow DODDS members as well as what was happening in the VA Office. I will miss his humor, his friendship and the fun emails he sent me. Much Love to You, Fannie Kelley (253) 564-6077

May 5 at 9:30 PM



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TJ

Tori Jones posted:

As yours and others' whose lives Dr. Finnell touched suffer great loss, I'd like to share words of comfort. The Bible at Acts 24:14 says, "There is going to be a resurrection"-Our dead loved ones will be brought back to life on a paradise earth, and there will be no more death! The type of man Dr. Finnell was, with sharp intellectual capabilities as evidenced by his impressive academic career at home and abroad, I am sure he will be thrilled with the prospect of living on a paradise earth, seeing family and friends enjoying perfect health and happiness, and utilizing his perfect mind to accomplish feats more fulfilling than those during his previous life course. It is my prayer and hope that all of you are present to welcome not only him, but also other loved ones lost to death back to life on a paradise earth, the beauty and splendor of which will certainly surpass our wildest imaginations! In the meantime I hope this message gives some comfort to you all, Tori Jones www.jw.org

May 5 at 9:23 AM

NM

Nola Mercer posted:

Clyde was my favorite teacher in high school and was a great friend to me and my entire family since we first met in 1959. He was always a tease, always fun, always had an opinion and was happy to express it. He will be dearly missed. Love to his family, Nola Mercer

May 4 at 7:06 PM

IR

Irene Dillingham Richards And Ken Richards posted:

Clyde's service to his many colleagues, students and all living creatures endeared him to all during his earthly journey. He is now gathering with the saints of the ages immortalized for eternity. Our love to the family, Irene and Ken

May 4 at 6:47 AM

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May 4 at 6:45 AM



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VD

Vicki Devoss posted:

I wish Clyde's family and friends comfort in the good memories of times spent with him over the years. Through that he remains with us.

May 4 at 3:56 AM

BP

Beverly And Gaylord Schelling, Florence Peterman posted:

Clyde's mother Dorothy was one of my favorite great aunts. Dorothy was a proud family historian and educator. I know she had a great deal to do with Clyde's love of education. Clyde was so kind to my mother Florence Peterman and she also extends her condolences. --Bev Peterman Schelling

May 4 at 3:43 AM

RC

R. Cole posted:

Sorry for the loss of your husband and father. may you find hope in the resurrection.-Acts 24:15 Resurrection is a standing up again, a coming to life. May this promise of God and your good memories bring you comfort.

May 3 at 11:24 AM

NC

Nancy Mercer, Colorado posted:

Clyde was very proud of his children and adored his grandchildren.He always showed a special interest in everyone he knew. We will surely miss him...Daryl and Nancy Mercer

May 3 at 7:10 AM

DB

David And Vidabeth Bensen posted:

Clyde will be fondly remembered. Please accept our most sincere regrets.

May 3 at 1:33 AM

DK

Dr. Vernon Kohout posted:

So sorry to learn Clyde's demise! He was truly one of the 'good' ones. I always enjoyed working with him in when working at DoDD's headquarters in Karlsruhe.

May 2 at 3:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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