



Richard Neville Markham

November 3, 2017

Neville was born in Ayer on August 8, 1930 the son of the late Joseph M and Frances (King) Markham. He graduated from Ayer High School, received his bachelor degree from Fitchburg State College and his Master's Degree in Education from Boston University.

Neville served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He later taught history at Ayer High School. Neville joined the school administration department in the late 1960s serving as the Assistant Principal at Ayer High School and then as Principal of the Ayer Jr High School. In 1974, he was named the Superintendent of Union 42 and ultimately the Ayer School System.

He was an active member of St. Mary's Parish in Ayer and long-term trustee of the Ayer Public Library. Neville was also a Corporator of the former North Middlesex Savings Bank.

Neville is predeceased by his wife of 59 years Patricia (O'Malley). He is survived by his three daughters, Mary P Markham and her husband Robert Sama of Ayer, Elizabeth Sarno-Hill and her husband Robert Hill of Somersworth, NH and Jane Weinstein and her husband Brian of Needham; five grandchildren, Leslie Chinburg and her husband Noah, Emily Sama, Mark Sama, Miles Weinstein and Elizabeth Weinstein. Neville is also predeceased

by a son Richard N. Markham, Jr in 2002, a grandson, Matthew Sarno in 2005 along with his brothers William J. (Billy) Markham, Walter Markham, John (Jack) Markham and his twin sister Elizabeth (Betty Ann Kelly).

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Mr Markham had to be the sweetest man. Thank you for making an impact while growing up in Ayer, MA*

claire caissie - December 01, 2017 at 10:57 AM

PC

“ *Mr. Markham was a kind and decent man. He will be missed.*

Patricia Cremens - November 10, 2017 at 06:00 PM

TC

“ *Please accept my condolences. Mr. Markham was my Jr. High School principal who always advocated for the benefit of his students. He always had a smile on his face. After all the years passed, whenever our paths would cross, he always remembered me with a warm greeting. May you find comfort during this time from all the happy memories and knowing what a caring man he was, and that Mr.Markham indeed left the world a better place*

Tobe MacLeod Conway - November 08, 2017 at 03:16 PM

PT

“ *Wonderful ... caring, kind man! We were all so fortunate to have him here ... and work with him.
Our sympathy,
Pat and Brian*

Patricia Thorsen - November 07, 2017 at 10:41 PM

WA

“ Your Father and Mother were two of the kindest people we have known. So many times your Dad went out of his way to acknowledge anyone encountered. He usually called them by name. May your memories sustain you. May he rest in peace.

William and Rosanne Allen - November 07, 2017 at 08:22 AM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Neville was a really good man. He was truly liked and respected by every single teacher in the Ayer Public Schools.
He was an honorable and fair man and that is rare among school Superintendents.
I will never forget him. RIP NEVILLE

Jane Steinberg - November 06, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ So terribly sorry to read of his passing-----prayers and love to family and friends.

November 05, 2017 at 06:10 PM

WB

“ Allow me to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Neville Markham, whom I always called Mr. Markham. Despite our roles in the school system, I considered him to be a friend and a very kind and gracious one indeed. Mr. Markham came to my rescue when I needed him most. He demonstrated that he believed in me as a teacher and treated me with respect without exception. I shall never forget his gentility, warmth and dear heart. May God comfort you at this time of profound loss.

Winnie Beasley - November 05, 2017 at 05:31 PM

TE

“ I lost both parents as well within 8 months of each other, and can totally understand what you're going through right now. Too much, too close. Please accept my condolences.

Tim Elmer - November 05, 2017 at 02:08 PM

AM

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the Markham family. I served with Neville from the first grade through high school class of 1948 and worked with him in various positions in the Ayer School System. Many memories connect us. He will be very much missed.

Alice and Jerry Millson - November 05, 2017 at 08:18 AM

JS

“ Our sincere condolences on Neville's passing. He was a genuinely kind man. Prayers to you all.

Julie and Dan Sallet - November 04, 2017 at 06:17 PM

CP

“ Our heartfelt sympathy is with the Markham family. Mr. Markham was my principal as a student and Superintendent as a teacher. He was a wonderful mentor to me and lifetime friend to my parents. May he be embraced by all who loved him in heaven and remembered with love by those he left behind.

Cindy (Millson) and Bill Plunkett - November 04, 2017 at 05:21 PM

BL

“ To the Markham,
Please accept our condolences and prayers during this difficult time.
Your dad was an integral part of this community and will be missed.

Beth and Ken Lewis - November 03, 2017 at 08:53 PM

EH

“ Jane

So sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Stanley and Elaine Hyman

Elaine & Stanley Hyman - November 03, 2017 at 07:49 PM

DC

“ *I am so glad I had the chance to know your parents. They were both remarkable people and will be missed at St. Mary's and St. Anthony's. God blessed you all, Donna (Lambert) Crowe*

Donna Crowe - November 03, 2017 at 06:20 PM

JS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Markham family. Pat & Neville were wonderful people. Prayers to you all.*

John & Agnes Shanahan - November 03, 2017 at 05:05 PM

PW

“ *Warmest regards to a great family. Pat and Neville will be missed. They were great friends to us. God bless....*

Phine and Donnie Wallace - November 03, 2017 at 03:54 PM

PC

“ To the Markham Family,

Your parents were both remarkable people. I worked with your Dad when I was on the School Committee and he was a superior Superintendent. His care and concern for the students and faculty of the Ayer School System will be long remembered. I hope they have both found peace in the arms of God. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Warmest Regards

PAT CASAVECCHIA - November 03, 2017 at 02:22 PM

DM

“ To the Markham Family,

My deepest of condolences to each of you on the loss of your LOVING DAD. Your Dad is now reunited in heaven with his loving wife Pat. Keep your memories close to heart and remember now you have not one but two angels watching over you all. Rest In Peace Mr. Markham. Prayers and love to you all.

Donna Madigan - November 03, 2017 at 10:47 AM