



Theodore "Ted" Hoss

February 27, 1937 - March 25, 2023

Ted Hoss, 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 25 in Aurora, IL. He was born February 27, 1937 in Aurora, Illinois, the son of Theodore and Evelyn (Ritter) Hoss. Ted was united in holy matrimony to Pat Halpin in 1958 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Aurora.

Ted graduated from Aurora East High School in 1955 and Loyola University in 1959. He received his master's degree from Northern Illinois University. He also attended Bridgeport University in Connecticut and Columbia University in New York City. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary Educational Fraternity. He was employed in the Geneva School District at the Middle School for 41 years as an English teacher. After retirement in 2002, Ted continued to substitute at the Geneva Middle School and St. Peter's Catholic School in Aurora. He also worked twenty years as a summer youth counselor for the CETA and KDK programs. He taught at St. Augustine College in the evenings for twenty years. He served as a member of the Batavia School Board for seven and half years.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Pat. They started dating as sophomores in high school, and seven and a half years later they were married. Their journey led them to thirty countries and all fifty states. They spent two years in Kenya, East Africa where Ted taught in a special United States State Department program to upgrade teacher-training colleges in Kenya. Ted was an avid Chicago White Sox fan. He and Pat saw the second game of the 1959 World Series at old Comiskey Park and In 2005 his son,

Michael, flew in from Houston with tickets for the first game of the World Series in Chicago.

Ted loved musical theater and was an opera buff. As a life-long educator, he taught his children and grandchildren the love of a good book and how to recite all of his favorite poems with great bravado. He journaled and photographed his extraordinary adventures as well as every first robin sighting of the year - his harbinger of Spring - since 1978. His family was paramount in his life, and he was most proud of all of them.

He leaves daughters Ann (Bill) Degnan of Sunfish Lake, MN and Laura Hoss of Eagan, MN. He is also survived by sons Paul (Linda) Hoss of Sugar Grove, IL, Michael (Kim) Hoss of The Woodlands, TX, and John Hoss of Aurora, IL. He is survived by twelve grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Kelsey (Paul), Molly (Warren), Bailey (Connor), and Caroline Degnan; Margaret (Daniel), Amanda, and Fritz Engelhart; Brian (Erin), Lauren, Kevin, and Luke Hoss; and Addison Hoss. Two sisters survive him: Betty Moore and Linda Rix. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Pat Johnson, a brother, Richard Hoss and beloved grandson Matthew Engelhart.

Ted's joy was his wife, his children, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, his flowers and the cardinal that pecked at his window each day. He appreciated the help he received from his sons, John, Paul and Paul's children who lived nearby as well as the support from daughters Ann and Laura and son Michael from afar.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Annunciation BVM Catholic Church at 12:30 PM. Fr. Joel Rippinger OSB, of Marmion Abbey will be the celebrant with burial at Marywood Cemetery in Aurora. Visitation will be Thursday, March 30, 2023 from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois. 630-631-5500.

Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Ted's family.

"Marmion Abbey and Annunciation Church in Aurora were important parts of

Ted's life. If you would like to make a donation in his honor, please find the following information;

Marmion Abbey: Please find the following link. In the "Comments Section" please note the donation is made in memory of Ted Hoss.

Marmion Abbey Online Donation

Annunciation Church: Please mail donations to the following address and denote in the memo line the donation is made in memory of Ted Hoss

Annunciation BVM Church
1820 Church Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Cemetery Details

Marywood Cemetery

Church Road
aurora, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR 30. 12:30 PM (CT)

Annunciation Church
1820 Church Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



“ I have such good memories of 8th grade English thanks to Mr. Hoss. He made the content really interesting and I loved his sense of humor.

Christie Miller (Morton) - March 31, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ Mr. Hoss, or Theo as I liked to call him was my 8th grade teacher, and he had a tremendous impact on my life. I have often said that despite having many great educators through out my school years, there are only three who truly made a difference in my life, and Mr. Hoss was number one. He was kind, insightful, humourous, and treated his students with a respect that inspired confidence. He encouraged creativity and his passion for knowledge and education was truly genuine.

My class was fortunate to have him twice a day and I relished the moments we spent with him. Even almost 30 years after being in his class, the lessons he gave us still stick with me on a daily basis. There were so many ways I wanted to be like him.

I was unable to make the service because I was teaching a continuing education class, but I started my course with a tribute to the great Ted Hoss. I was in his class with Brynn McCurtain Moore (whom he adored), and she mentioned that he called her 'the voice of reason', he also nicknamed me 'the voice of the new generation', and I will always remember that as well. I think his nicknames are a great illustration of the fun and humor he brought into his classroom.

He truly was a great educator and I feel fortunate to have known him. My deepest condolences to his loved ones and to all the people who felt his impact in their lives. RIP Theo!

Brandon Harris - March 31, 2023 at 11:32 AM

BM

“ I’m so sad to hear this news... Mr Hoss was my very favorite 8th grade teacher. He truly listened to his students and always gave them credit for having opinions and a point of view. I still remember him calling me ‘the voice of reason’ in his class. And I have told my boys how he had his class call the author Roy Bradbury after we had read his novel and got to ask him all of our random questions. Mr Hoss was a great storyteller, a good motivator and most of all, he just loved his students and saw them all for unique individuals. He will be missed, and the world needs educators like him desperately. Sending love to all of those that he loved. 💜

Brynn McCurtain Moore - March 30, 2023 at 11:50 PM

DS

“ Ted Hoss changed my life - and I used to go back to visit him when he was still teaching at Geneva Middle School, and now I regret not tracking him down to let him know how much he meant to me before he was gone.

He was an amazing teacher - not just because he was good to his students and not just because he was able to nurture the talents they had, it was because he was able to help me discover talents I wasn't even aware I had and inspire me to delve into them to see what they held - and this has become a significant part of my life, many decades later.

Thanks Mr Hoss. You will be missed.

David Ljung Stellar - March 30, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.



March 29, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *To the rhyme of Casey At the Bat*

*"Oh, somewhere in school, a teacher leads a class
A poet rages somewhere, and a priest says the mass
The White Sox ready for the new season to start
As we say goodbye in Mudville-- Ted Hoss, you touched a heart"*

R.I.P. Mr. Hoss

*Andy Draus
Geneva High School Class of 1983*

Andy Draus - March 29, 2023 at 05:04 PM

JG

“*Mr. Hoss made a very positive impact on my life. He was a great Teacher and brought the exciting world to us students. I eventually made a trip to Kenya- partially inspired by his language and history stories. He inspired me to join the History club. He opened the door to geography and history for me. I have travelled to 26 countries because he inspired me as a young man to inquire about other cultures. He traded another student to Teacher Sidel for me. Like a sports trade! I felt wanted and he was interested in my life & he even washed my mouth out with soap when I deserved it. He cared and inspired me to learn. He even coached one basketball game subbing in for coach Thomas. He's passionate readings of IF by Rudyard Kipling & Mighty Casey at the Bat will always be remembered. Knowing I will see him in Heaven is the best remembrance for me. RIP Mr. Hoss. Prayers for your family!*

John Gorski - March 29, 2023 at 01:58 PM

BM

John your memories are spot on. He was a wonderful teacher and not only coached us in basketball he coached us in football. In the game he coached in hoops he promoted me to A team during the first game. He also introduced the swinging gate to our offense on the football field. Enjoyed his approach to learning very much. We were fortunate to have some amazing teachers and coaches but he was one of the very best.

Bob Moseley - April 02, 2023 at 11:32 PM

RM

“ *Teddy, as he was called by all my family, was my mentor growing up. My father, Ray Moses relied on Teddy for the creation of his pet project at Phillips Park. Ted worked there for many Summers in the 1960's and more. The island garden in Mastodon Lake was Dads's special project, and Ted created it in the most beautiful manner. He took great pride in it, and it was indeed a special place. Ted talked me into Loyola University, while working in the greenhouse one Spring break, a really good decision. And one that lasted, my son went there and my grandsons are enrolling in the fall. Pat and Ted took me there for my first day at the Lakeshore Campus. He had the greatest sense of humor I ever encountered and an ability to tell stories that could be legendary. My whole family loved him. Teddy was a good friend to my father and a good friend of mine. God love him. Ron Moses*

Ron Moses - March 29, 2023 at 09:44 AM

DK

“ *I had the great privilege of teaching along with Ted at Geneva Middle School from 1989 until his retirement in 2002. His love of learning and teaching was truly infectious. He was an amazing role model for not only his students, but his colleagues as well. He was a great friend and a great person and will be truly missed by all. Thanks for the memories Ted!*
- Dave Kimball

David Kimball - March 29, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.*



March 29, 2023 at 07:42 AM

LF

“ I can tell you what an amazing Teacher he was, but he was so much more. When I was in Middle-School, my Father’s best friend growing up (now a Catholic Priest working in Africa), asked my Dad to pick up a young girl and her Mother at O’hare Airport. You see this little girl was so bow legged she had to crawl in on the dirt to get around her Village. A Doctor in Chicago had offered to do surgery pro-bono. My Mom and Dad both said yes to getting them to the hospital. The problem was, my parents did not speak Swahili. I told them that my Teacher, Mr Hoss did. They reached out and he didn’t hesitate, he was all in. He drove with them, translated and gave kind words to the small child and her Mom. It was so amazing having someone there to ease their stress. He was an amazing man, one that I think of to this day for his kindness. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lori Fromknecht-Lester - March 28, 2023 at 07:34 PM

MW

“ The Winkle family expresses condolences to your family. May God bless Ted and family.

Matt Winkle - March 28, 2023 at 04:15 PM

JT

“ I was so saddened to hear of Ted's passing. I was a teacher's assistant at Geneva Middle School and was in his classroom through the years. A wonderful teacher and story teller. My son, Teddy, was thrilled when he found out Ted would be his teacher. He loved his baseball stories. Ted will be so missed but his memories will continue.

Joyce Thomas

Joyce Thomas - March 28, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.*



March 28, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.*



March 28, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Ted bought his family to Batavia while I was teaching. His children were a joy to have in the classroom and on teams. Ted was also on the school board and worked very hard. He had much to be proud of and was a wonderful man.*

Anne Purpura - March 28, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Mr. Hoss was one of my favorite teachers. He was encouraging, kind, funny, pushed us when we needed it and introduced me to Ray Bradbury, who I still enjoy reading to this day (35 years later). My condolences to his family and all his friends. He left a lasting impression on everyone!*

Julie Wenberg - March 27, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.*



March 27, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.*



March 27, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Mr Hoss made diagraming sentences thrilling! That tells you what a fabulous teacher he was.*
Linda Horn McGivern

Linda Mcgivern - March 27, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Mr. Hoss taught me in 8th grade in 1981-82. He was always very encouraging of all the students and made learning fun. He brought out my creative writing ability, which I am still using today. I was fortunate enough to cross paths with him when my children were at Geneva South, while he was subbing. Without even mentioning my name, he remembered me. What a great life he lived!*

Laura Landberg Rush - March 27, 2023 at 10:56 AM

RE

“ *Repsol purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.*



Repsol - March 27, 2023 at 08:52 AM

TH

“ *I was in Mr. Hoss's first class six grade at Fourth Street school in Geneva. He still stands out as my favorite teacher. He also taught both my sons in middle school. I am one of a multitude whose life he impacted.*

Trig Haroldson - March 27, 2023 at 06:50 AM

RH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Ted from 1980-1994 at Coultrap. He was a Great Man and a Great Teacher. We both shared the love of the whitesox. We had many conversations on that topic. Ted was a Great Friend and I will miss him Dearly. RIP Ted. Condolences to his Family and friends.*

Ricky Helm - March 27, 2023 at 12:15 AM

AF

I was a student of Mr. Hoss at 4th Street school in Geneva. He was an outstanding teacher and person in general.

A. L. Fikar - March 27, 2023 at 06:32 AM

KH

One of my favorite teachers of all time. Reciting a Robert Frost poem from memory is something I'm still thankful I learned from Mr. Hoss. My condolences to his family and friends.

Krista Read Hayes - March 27, 2023 at 06:19 PM

MA

My greatest teacher.

Forever in my heart

MarkIbsenMD - March 28, 2023 at 10:08 AM

LO

“ *Mr. Hoss was my first teacher when I moved to Geneva in 8th grade in 1995. His humor and willingness to have fun with kids made him the perfect middle school teacher . I am a middle school teacher now myself and will never forget his influence he had on me and countless others . May he rest in peace . - Lorie*

Lorie - March 26, 2023 at 11:21 PM

TO

“ *I was a terrible student in the 8th grade, incapable of diagramming sentences. He gave me D's, but was never negative and, one day, suggested I should watch this show called "Monty Python's Flying Circus". That suggestion and the academic discipline he taught me in 1977-1978 ripples through decades. A wonderful man with his Cokes and smokes. RIP Mr. Hoss.*

Todd - March 26, 2023 at 11:06 PM

LC

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. He was one of my favorite teachers. I'm thinking it was 1978.*

Linda (Pruitt) Conard - March 26, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.



March 26, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Hoss.



March 26, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ Pat and family, I am so sorry to read that Ted has passed away. We had some fun times the 9 years we lived in the same neighborhood! I still have the two wooden statues that you brought from Kenya! Just dusted one of them this morning. Ted will be so missed!

Pat Burns - March 26, 2023 at 03:56 PM



East Aurora H.S. Class of '55 was a great one because of classmates like you. We had good clean fun and I remeber you as Q.B.of the JV football team. It was always good to see you at the class lunches which is still carrying on every month. R.I.P. friend John & Margaret(Maggie) Hendricks

JOHN HENDRICKS - April 01, 2023 at 12:23 PM