



Norman Dale Randall

August 3, 1946 - August 18, 2010

Norman Randall, 64, of Charlotte, MI died Wednesday, August 18, 2010. Mr. Randall was born August 3, 1946 in Hillsdale, MI the son of Carl and Barbara (Hersh) Randall. Mr. Randall was a teacher and coach for Charlotte Public Schools for 32 years. He coached for 9 years at Lansing Christian where he was also the Athletic Director for 5 years. While coaching at Lansing Christian, the girls basketball team won back-to-back State Championships in 2003-2004. Mr. Randall was active in his church and played the trumpet in the orchestra. He was a loving husband and father who was very proud of his children. He is survived by his wife, Pamela; sons, Jeff (Debi) Randall of Tampa, FL, Greg (Teri) Randall of Hastings and Scott (Stacey) Randall of Escanaba; 10 grandchildren; brother, Charles (Sharon) Randall of Osseo and sister, Beverly (Larry) Fall of Hillsdale and was loved by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 21, 2010 at South Church in Lansing, MI with pastor Donald Denyes officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Hillsdale, MI. Visitation will be Friday, August 20, 2010 from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to C.W.E., 4301 W. South Ave., Tampa, FL 33614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman Dale Randall*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *When I was 17 years old, 1984, I stayed with the Randall family for three month as an exchange-student. Norm asked me to come to his family, when he found out during practice, that I was bad off in the other family. During this stay the whole Randall family pampered me, spoiled me and gave me so much fun and love I never expected to receive. Especially Norm watched over me like over his own children, waiting till late at night for my good return. He was the only Dad I ever had.*

Monika Reusmann / Wilms - November 08, 2010 at 05:29 PM

LS

“ *Pam, So sorry to hear of Norms' passing. He was such a great person in every way, husband, Dad, teacher, friend, and on it goes. I know you will miss him so much. Take Care. Lorree Smith*

Lorree Smith - September 01, 2010 at 03:26 PM

SM

“ Please accept my sympathy and prayers - Mr. Randall was my track coach in high school. He helped me gain the confidence I needed to run the 2 mile and I truly appreciate all his kindness. I am sorry to see that he passed.

Sheri Carter Merritt - August 25, 2010 at 09:20 PM

MH

“ Dear Pam and family, How sad I was to read of Norm's death in the Hillsdale paper. I talked with sister Beverly yesterday to ask if your address was the same and she told me of his sudden death. How very sad. He was too young! And there was so much living yet to do!! I haven't seen you two in a very long time but never forgot you. You were a great and loving couple. I have only warm thoughts of you both. I also remember that Norm's goal (one of them) was to own a yellow Corvette....did he ever achieve that? If not, I'm sure that each of his grandchildren far outweighed the Corvette. The last time I saw him was at Larry and Margaret Rich's home in Marshall and he was caring for Jeff's first....a son? That child must be out of school now!! The look in his eyes was more than a Corvette! I've sent a snail mail card too but thought I'd give this new fangled way of communicating a try. Tracy and I drove out to the cemetery late Saturday afternoon. We said our good bye prayers. The flowers were beautiful. But the sadness of the loss is overwhelming. God bless you all. Perhaps our paths will once again cross. Thoughts and prayers to you....Mary Anne (Vance) Hayes and Tracy too

Mary Anne Hayes - August 25, 2010 at 10:17 AM

KW

“ Pam, Jeff, Greg & Scott, I am so sorry for your loss, Mr. Randall was a great man. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Kenny Waterman

Ken Waterman - August 24, 2010 at 06:45 AM

PG

“ Phil and I taught Physical Education with Norm when he was at Otto. We have continued to follow his success every since that time. Our thought and prayers go out to you and your family.

Phil and Judy George - August 23, 2010 at 11:28 PM

KP

“ Dear Pam and Family, Norman was an amazing man and I am honored to have known him. Abel and I were very young with 3 small children when Norman decided to rent to us, he was awesome. There was never anything that he wouldn't do. My children loved when he would come to the house and we have pictures of him playing with the kids in the yard. The kids loved how he would put them in the front of his backhoe and give them "rides" to the trampoline where he would dump them out of the bucket. We will remember all the tips on gardening and how much joy he took in his own garden. He will be greatly missed. Our family sends our love and prayers..

Khailea Pena - August 23, 2010 at 12:09 AM

NS

“ Dear Pam, Jeff and Entire Randall Family - We wanted you to know how much we've been thinking of you these past few days. Our hearts are grieving with yours and we share your sorrow. We also know that this is a time of great rejoicing as Norman is Heaven with our King and hope that you can find peace and comfort in knowing that. You are in our prayers. In His Love - Nancy & Terry Schmidt

Nancy & Terry Schmidt - August 22, 2010 at 10:09 PM

TJ

“ *My deepest condolences to you all with the loss of a wonderful man! Even though I only meet him a few times he was always very friendly (like I had known him my whole life). I will be praying for your family at this time. Always remember the wonderful times. He will always be watching over all of you from above. God has a very special angel!!*

Tammy James-Brown - August 22, 2010 at 09:23 PM

KL

“ I played basketball for Coach Randall for several years at Lansing Christian, two years on varsity with him as my head coach. My freshman and sophomore year, I played on JV, and by my Junior year, I was feeling pretty overwhelmed by the thought of all the school work I was going to have to do, PLUS basketball, so after the first week of practices, I seriously considered quitting. My dad and I went into the school to kind of make it official and to meet with Coach Randall to tell him I was done. However, when we went to talk to him, somehow my mind ended up changing just by talking to him. He wasn't cold towards me, nor was he desperate in his attempts to try to get me to stick with it. He was very patient and kind. He was incredibly understanding and willing to do what it took to make me feel comfortable about staying. Something he said to me that day has stuck with me since. He asked me how to eat an elephant. I looked back at him kind of blankly, and replied that I didn't really know, to which he replied, "One bite at a time." Since then, when I feel like what I'm facing is something that is too big for me to handle, I remember what Coach Randall said, and take it a step at a time. That season was one of my favorite years of basketball, and he never treated me any differently that year or expected bad things from me. He always expected the best from his players, and because that was what he expected, that was what he got. I remember the long, four-hour practices in the steaming hot gym in August before basketball got moved to winter, but they didn't feel too terribly long when we had a half-hour cereal break every hour-and-a-half, passing around a box of cheerios and laughing at some of coach's stories. He was a solid coach who taught us to be disciplined. By my senior year, I had memorized all the "Randallisms;" the things that he said every year, about shooting with all 14-phalanges on the ball, and how defense won championships. He was a humble man who was a lot of fun, and taught me how to work hard and how to keep my priorities straight. The two years that I had Coach Randall as my head coach were my two favorite. They weren't the years we won the championships, but they were the years that he created an environment that made it easy for our team to be a family. My other coaches didn't do that the

same way Coach Randall did, and the girls who were on those teams and the coaches that made it possible are still near and dear to my heart, and people who I have kept in touch with the most since graduating. Even as alumni, going and watching the girls play after I graduated, I always looked forward to hearing Coach greeting me after the game with an excited "Kelsey!" accompanied by a smile and a hug. Coach Randall was a terrific guy with a big heart, and a man whose actions followed his words. I'll miss you, Coach. Thanks for some of my fondest high school memories, and all that you taught me about basketball and about life. We'll see you soon.

Kelsey Lehman - August 21, 2010 at 06:54 PM

GG

“*Dear Randall Family, Thank you for sharing Mr. Randall with all of us over the years. He was a great coach for our daughter Carmen during her Jr. High years. He was always supportive and understanding of the girls. His positive contributions to Charlotte kids will go on for years and years. You are in our prayers. The Gonzalez Family*

Gloria Gonzalez - August 21, 2010 at 05:47 PM

WC

“*Dear Pam and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I wonder if Norm was taken at such a young age was to be a reminder from God of how a person should live their life. Reading all of the notes from people whose life he touched is heartwarming. He will truly be missed but you can be sure his teachings will carry on. Sincerely, Wilma Campbell*

Wilma Campbell - August 21, 2010 at 01:42 PM

ES

“ He was a great teacher who made learning fun. I still remember his class in Jr High School year 1995 "the blackhole" co-taught with Mr Bourland. Mr Randall gone but never forgotten.

Eric Sanders - August 21, 2010 at 12:13 PM

ES

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the you all. Mr. Randall was my 6th grade science teacher and a great one at that. I still remember his class it was a fun class to attend.

Eric Sanders - August 21, 2010 at 12:05 PM

LF

“ Pam and family, Wanda and I are praying for you during these difficult days. We have never forgotten you and Norm inviting us to your home for dinner shortly after we were married in 1980. Norm remains one of my favorite teachers to this day. Our time getting to know you both at Calvary Baptist was a blessing. Precious in the sight of our Lord is the death of His saints. May God give you comfort, guidance, and peace in the days ahead. In Christ, your brother, Larry Finney.

Larry Finney - August 21, 2010 at 11:53 AM

DJ

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Norm Randall. Norm left a legacy of genuine and inspirational Christian Leadership and kindness. We are fortunate to have had Norm's generous commitment to Lansing Christian School and it's students and athletes. He will be forever in everyone's hearts.

Dr. Thomas, Debbie and Parker Jamieson - August 21, 2010 at 10:58 AM

JW

“ Thanks, Norm! No one was a more solid role model for character & responsibility.

Jeff Whiting - August 21, 2010 at 01:42 AM

L(

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Randall was a great Sunday School teacher in high school. He certainly knew how to relate to teens. He made an impact on my life. My prayer is that God will be your comfort and strength during this time.

Leslie Komarnicki (Bassette) - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ Dear Randall family, I am truly saddened by the loss of this great man. Although I only knew him for a few days...it was obvious to me the wonderful tribute he will always be to those that knew him. It was an honor and a privilege to be one of his nurses. You have a wonderful family and my heart breaks that he was taken so soon. God Bless you all.... Karen

Karen Z - August 20, 2010 at 10:47 PM

DG

“ We are praying for you Pam and family. Sorry hear of you lost. Norm was great man, teacher, husband, father, grandfather, coach and a friend to all. The Gareiss'

Darlene and Roger Gareiss - August 20, 2010 at 09:00 PM

DB

“ Mr. Randall was one of the most influential teachers and coaches that I ever had. I'm sorry to hear about his loss and am keeping his family and friends in my prayers. He will be missed!

Darkus Beasley - August 20, 2010 at 08:35 PM

“ Coach Randall had a tremendous impact on so many lives which I believe is one of the greater joys of being a teacher. His strong faith could be seen in the classroom and on the court too. I will never forget his 8th grade science lesson on evolution. He had us take a blank piece of paper, divide it in half and write on one side "In the beginning God" and the other "in the beginning Bang" He allowed us to use our minds to figure things out and his calm demeanor and ease was comforting. I played basketball for him in 8th grade and participated in track for all four years of high school. I was teaching my 10-year-old neighbor 2 weeks ago something coach taught me - "visualize the ball going into the basket and you will make it." "You can shoot with your eyes closed," he would say, "Michael Jordan practices by making 100 free throws in a row before he says he is done." Little things like that are what I pass on and one of my favorite quotes came from that 8th grade experience, "What the mind can see and believe the body can achieve." I have repeated this phrase to myself many times more so in the last few years when I trained and ran 2 half marathons. He definitely made an impact and I think our walks back to the house with the shots and discs before meets were some of the most memorable. He didn't just teach you how to shoot a free throw or exchange a baton he taught you how to use our mind and be human. I am glad I got to share the life on earth with him and I look forward to seeing again someday. It won't be fun without him I know but i leave you with a few things that other people remember about him. Thanks Coach! Love and Light, Heidi Hansen CHS Class of 1996 "Do you believe everything that you read?" Marian Winters-Washburn - CHS until 10th grade, Class of 1996 "you might not have been the best at something...but he told you to never give up..." Chrissy Swink-Obrien CHS Class of 1996 "He was such a great encourager and always saw the best in everyone" Sarah Smuts-Hoagg, CHS Class of 1996 " ...I'll always remember how you "coaxed" me into being on the track team to throw shot (i.e. "April, we have practice after school today. Call your mom and tell her you'll be late")." April Smith-Grammar, CHS Class of 1997 "What the mind can see and believe the body can achieve" Heidi Hansen, D.C., CHS Class of

1996

Heidi Hansen, D.C. - August 20, 2010 at 08:29 PM

MS

“ *Randall family- I am truly sorry for your loss. I couldn't believe it when I heard of his passing. I will miss him in the stands at your volleyball matches, Scott. Please know that your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Mary*

Mary Shaw - August 20, 2010 at 06:45 PM

M'

“ *Jeff, Scott, Greg My sincere and deepest sympathy with the passing of your dad. I remember him as being a knowledgeable, fair and passionate teacher who truly cared about his students. He always had a nice smile and a "hello" when I would see him in the community. I am very saddened to have heard the news of such a great teacher, mentor and family man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Monique Colizzi - CHS Class of '88 - August 20, 2010 at 06:13 PM

TP

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I graduated with Norman at North Adams. We were in the band together. We last saw you both at the class reunion in 2004. Your family is in our prayers. Sincerely Ted and Charlene Pakes*

Ted and Charlene(Alfrey) Pakes - August 20, 2010 at 05:19 PM

LB

“ *Mr. Randall was the definition of a great teacher. He genuinely cared about each student in his classroom (the unforgettable, Black Hole) and loved to watch them succeed and grow. There wasn't a day he didn't smile through the entire class. The positive impact he left on the world is beyond our comprehension. My thoughts are with his family and all of those who were close to him.*

Lance Beasley - August 20, 2010 at 03:09 PM

EG

“ *While we didn't know your father, reading the tributes to him and watching the video, it's apparent he was a good man. Thinking of all of you during this time of loss.*

Eldon, Denise and Lindsey Grubb - August 20, 2010 at 01:07 PM

CJ

“ *Pam & boys - I am so sorry for your loss. Norm was always a gentleman with a wonderful sense of humor - but never stuffy or judgmental. Spiritual without being holier-than-thou. It is no surprise that his influence outlives his own time on this earth. My prayers are with you and your families as you grieve the loss of this great husband, father, teacher, friend, coach and mentor.*

Carol (McDaniel) Jordan - August 20, 2010 at 12:54 PM

TH

“ I was shocked and saddened by your unexpected loss. Norm was such a wonderful neighbor and it was a privilege to have known him. He will be sadly missed. I will always picture him with that ear to ear smile either playing in his yard or driving the tractor plowing out everyone elses driveway. I will always remember his 'school teacher' patience when giving me (a total novice) gardening advice, telling me stories on how the neighborhood 'used to be', walking around the yard talking about his grandchildren and how proud he was to show me the 'kid's stones'. I'll remember how happy he was to day-dream whether it was about what to do with that extra corner bush along the garage or how he could possibly make that peaceful garden even more lovely! As in his life, in death he will inspire me to enjoy the peacefulness of a garden and the joy of making it grow (or at least trying to make it grow!). The Bible says "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." I pray that God will bless you and give you the strength to get through this very difficult time. Please extend my deepest sympathy to your family, Tami Hayward

Tami Hayward - August 20, 2010 at 12:45 PM

DB

“ We are sad to learn of the passing of Mr. Randall. He was a wonderful teacher to our children, Bryan and Kristen Bullock, when they were students at the Charlotte Middle School. He was a very distinguished and caring man and teacher. May the memories of all the wonderful times spent with him give you some peace and comfort during the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Don and Teri Bullock - August 20, 2010 at 12:38 PM

PC

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time. Norm will be missed by the Lansing Christian School community. He was a shining Christian witness to the other coaches and players in the SMAA and throughout the mid-Michigan area.

Pam & Harold Campbell - August 20, 2010 at 12:27 PM

JM

“ I just watched the tribute video and cried! Mr. Randall was by far the best example I have ever seen of a loving father, grandfather and husband. He will be truly missed! My heart goes out to you Pam, Greg, Jeff, Scott and your families.

Jennifer Moore-Shaw - August 19, 2010 at 10:21 PM

GM

“ Scott, Stacey and kids: Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Scott's Dad. We will keep Norm and your family in our prayers.
Glenn and Dawn Maguire

Glenn and Dawn Maguire - August 19, 2010 at 10:03 PM

RR

“ We are so sorry to hear this news. Norm was a wonderful person. I still remember asking him for "Randall boys" advice when our boys were little and we all attended Calvary Baptist. Your family is in our prayers.

Rod & Karen Randall - August 19, 2010 at 09:56 PM

ZS

“ To the Randall Family My sincere condolences in your time of loss. Mr Randall was a great teacher and coach-He made an impact on many of us in his coaching and lessons .. He is truly missed . Kind Regards Zac Soderberg Class of 89'

Zac Soderberg - August 19, 2010 at 08:05 PM

AZ

“ As a child I had fond memories of exploring the farm in Osseo with my cousin Norman. His passing is a great loss.

Alan Zimmerman - August 19, 2010 at 08:02 PM

DM

“ I tried this once sorry for the loss he was a great man. He will be missed for all that he has done and the people that he has helped.

Daniel Mcfall - August 19, 2010 at 06:59 PM

CB

“ Mr. Randall was truly one of the best people! He was a terrific teacher that always expected the best from his students! You wanted to do your best because he did his best to be the best he could for us. I was also blessed with not only being a student of his, but also a colleague. He was extremely supportive and helpful in the early years of my teaching career. He will truly be missed and I know that I am a better person by knowing him! You are all in my thoughts and my prayers! God Bless You!! -- Celena Bruch

Celena Bruch - August 19, 2010 at 06:24 PM

DB

“ *My dear friends, all though we only meet your father, grandfather and mother once we knew right away he was a very special man. The love of our Lord and Saviour was very present just in his voice and manner. How special it was for you to have had him for your very own for the time God allowed. Our prayers and love are with you in this time, Jeff and Debi please give all the kids a hug from us and know we to love you all. In His Service, David & Dottie Breland*

David & Dottie Breland - August 19, 2010 at 04:58 PM

TS

“ *Thinking of you and sending our prayers with lots of love.*



TIM AND MARY LOU SLOAN - August 19, 2010 at 04:53 PM

SS

“ *Pam and Family, You all have been in our constant prayers this last week as Norm has struggled. We are so praying for God's help for you all in a way only He can give it. We pray for your strength and that you would feel God's help in this difficult journey. We know Norm is just fine in heaven, but you all will be the ones who will struggle missing him. God knows this and He promises to be faithful to you. We will continue to ask Him for comfort, grace, strength, peace and for Him to meet the very needs of your hearts that no one else knows about. Hugs to you all, knowing your hearts ache! Sheila Stewart (Larry Fall's youngest daughter)*

sheila Stewart - August 19, 2010 at 04:39 PM

DH

“ Norm was a dearly remembered teacher to some, coach and AD extraordinaire to others. But to me he was a terrific musician and fellow brass player! He always had a friendly smile and a greeting ready. His great talents, compassion for others, love of people, example of Christian leadership and wisdom, and his humility were traits we all respected and loved. He will be greatly missed by all of us! We rejoice with his family that he is home in Heaven today!

Dave and Becki Houghton - August 19, 2010 at 04:11 PM

AM

“ Mr. Randall was a great man, friend, teacher and coach. He had such a great impact on everybody he came into contact with. He is now smiling down on all of us. He will surely be missed. We love you!

Amy McCoy - August 19, 2010 at 02:59 PM

MG

“ Dear Pam and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Pam Rohdy called me yesterday to tell me. Unfortunately I am leaving in the morning for a wedding in Cheboygan so will not be able to attend the visitation or funeral. Please know that your all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. May God wrap you all in his loving arms and give the comfort and strength you need now and the days to come. God Bless, Mary

Mary (Cummings) Goris - August 19, 2010 at 02:43 PM

AW

“ I am greatly saddened by Mr.Randalls passing. He was an excellent science and math teacher!

Alex West - August 19, 2010 at 02:09 PM

JR

“ Coach Randall is & will always be a precious memory to me and everyone who touched his life. Little did they know that he was giving them his profound wisdom and touching their lives for life. THANK YOU for sharing him with us. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Jackie MCMahon& Ray - August 19, 2010 at 02:00 PM

KG

“ Pam and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Norm's untimely death. Gary and I have read many wonderful articles over the years of Norm's successes in his career at Charlotte High School and Lansing Christian! He certainly was a multitalented individual, and still found time to be a loving, involved family man. You both always seemed so at peace with one another, and all those cherished years together will help to sustain you and your family during the difficult days ahead. May God be with you and your family. Sincerely, Kathy

Kathy Graber - August 19, 2010 at 01:54 PM

KS

“ We are both so sad to hear of Mr. Randalls passing. He was an extraordinary man and teacher. Kevin and I both have very fond memories of him and will never ever forget him. I was just telling a funny story from his class to my daughters the other night. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Randall Family. Thanks for the great memories Mr. Randall. You will be missed!

Kevin and Nicole (Vandecar) Spica - August 19, 2010 at 01:50 PM

JN

“ Dear Mrs. Randall, Greg, Scott, Jeff and your families, I just wanted to take a minute and let you know that your are all in my thoughts at this time. Even though I haven't seen some of you in a long time, your family will always have a special place in my heart. You were like a second home for me during high school and in the summers. Mr. Randall always had a way to make me laugh and kept us more or less in line. You have my deepest condolences. Remember the smiles and the way that your dad touched our lives and hopefully those thoughts will help you through these rough times. blessings from Germany, Jason Nye

Jason Nye - August 19, 2010 at 01:10 PM

SJ

“ We lost a good one with Coach Randall's passing - he was an extraordinary individual who impacted countless number of lives in such a positive manner as an educator and coach. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time.

Steve St. John - August 19, 2010 at 12:37 PM

JU

“ Pam, I am so sorry for your loss, Norm is a wonderful person. You and your family are in my thoughts. Jerri Upright

Jerri Upright - August 19, 2010 at 11:29 AM

BH

“ RIP-Coach Randall-you used to hate it when we called you Stormin Norman...an amazing man and inspirational coach and teacher. My thoughts and prayers with your family. You will be missed!

Bobbi Spangler Hart - August 19, 2010 at 11:09 AM

VB

“ I am grieving with you and for you as I remember you in my thoughts and prayers. I give thanks for Norm's friendship in my school years and realize what a difference that has made in my life. Also thankful for his faith, wonderful personality and great accomplishments of his life. Would be there, but I am a pastor and have a wedding scheduled for Saturday. Along with John Wells, one of the "Three Musketeers," I am, Virgil Bohn

Virgil Bohn - August 19, 2010 at 11:04 AM

DB

“ To the whole Randall Family. My heart is so sad for you all. We know that Norm will be missed at every event in your family. What special stories we have been told by Julia and Elise and Luke about Norm. They are so lucky to have him as a grandpa. Scott and Stacey, we adore you and know that Norm had an amazing role on how you both grew into such loving people. The same goes for all the kids and grandkids. Pam, Im so sorry for you and what you are going through. I cant even imagine. Please know that we are thinking of you this Saturday. Love, Dan, Joyce, Ashley, Mercedes and Blake Byl , Georgia

Dan and Joyce Byl - August 19, 2010 at 10:52 AM

RC

“ Talk about a sad day in sports history! Mr. Randall will be missed by so many but I know for a fact he will be missed by many of the students that ran track or played basketball, or whatever other sport he was talented in coaching. Personally he taught me to run FAST, throw/flip a shot-put and disc FAR, taught me how to compete and have good sportsmanship with other schools. The four years in high school during track season were the best with Mr. Randall. He even made the school bus rides eventful. Even during the off season he acknowledged us, whether he would see us in the halls or outside of school. The last time I had seen him was about a year ago during Frontier Days, I was amazed how white his hair had become; but after talking to him for a few minutes I got past the "new look" and he was the same Mr. Randall I've always known with that half smile/half smirk look. He will be missed by many and I'm sure there are stories being told right now of the good old days with Mr. Randall and how his unselfish time was spent with all us kids. He is a huge part of Charlotte Schools history and will always be remembered by staff, faculty and students. Prayers go out to his wife, kids and grandchildren to have peace with his passing and know that he was a great man and fulfilled his life by doing what he did best - COACH.

Rebecca Cruz - August 19, 2010 at 10:21 AM

MS

“ Mr. Randall was my science teacher in Junior High at Charlotte High School, then I was able to see him again when I was coaching volleyball and he was the AD at Lansing Christian, and I worked with him through the school district that I work for being the assistant to the athletic director. My heart goes out to the Randall family with great sadness of your loss. Norm will be very missed, he was a great man to have as a teacher in my younger years and work with in my older years. He will be sadly missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to the Randall family.

Mindy Bruce Schriver - August 19, 2010 at 10:01 AM

S(

“ My heart fills up with sorrow for your loss...I remember his teaching style being unique...Family is very important...I will keep you all in my prayers!!

Sara Crocker (Collier) - August 19, 2010 at 09:41 AM

LK

“ Mr. Randall was an amazing man. I will never forget how he motivated and inspired me to be a better person and basketball player. He believed in me during a time (middle school) when I needed someone to "push" me a little bit and teach me how to set goals and achieve them. There are people who have impacted me in such a way that...years later...I can still think of them, smile, and quietly thank them for the lessons they taught me. Mr. Randall is definitely one of those people. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Lacie Kelly - August 19, 2010 at 09:15 AM

SE

“ Praying that God will wrap you in His loving, comforting arms of peace during this difficult time. Norm was a wonderful example of a godly man and will be missed at Lansing Christian School.

Sheryl Eytcheson - August 19, 2010 at 09:08 AM

SB

“ Mr. Randall was one of the truly good guys. He was my gym teacher and coach at Charlotte Junior High in 1973 and we attended the same church. In spite of my rebellion and weak faith, Mr. Randall never gave up. He consistently came to pick me up for church softball just so I would be involved and stay connected to the church family. He demonstrated integrity and godliness and was an influential example to me. I am better for having known him and I am glad to say that, that because of Jesus, I will see Mr. Randall again someday. May God grant peace in the midst of grief for you, Pam, and your family. May His hand of strength hold you up through this season of life. May the blessed hope of Christ give you joy into the future. Blessings.

Steven Banks - August 19, 2010 at 12:24 AM

KR

“ Mr. Randall was the greatest coach ever. He was my 8th grade basketball coach when I attended Charlotte Junior High. He will be greatly missed. We were 1 game short of an undefeated season in 8th grade. He truly believed in all of us girls.

Kylie Root - August 18, 2010 at 11:38 PM

AH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Mr. Randall was a wonderful teacher, coach and person. He will be missed so much by so many.

Ashley (Werner) Harris - August 18, 2010 at 11:05 PM

LG

“ I am shocked at this news. I have called my daughter Bobbi Spangler Hart. (She married another of Mr. Randall's Students David Hart.) I can remember traveling with Mr. Spangler and Mr. Randall to Alma, to take the girls track team to state finals. I remember the bon fires at our house to celebrate the boys and girls Trck Teams, doing so well in 1995 and 1996 . Mr. Randall was one of the good guys. Bobbi and David live in Kansas now and will be unable to attend the funeral. They are expecting their, first child. . I remember when Mr. Randall first found out he was going to be a Grandpa, Bobbi teased him so. Now I will know the feeling of being a Grandparent and the teasing and joy that comes with it. I also remember when he had to give up taking Bobbi to a track invitational, because his son was getting married. He tried so hard to figure out how to be at both places at once. He was a man with his priorities in the right place,(home and family.) We all send our condolences to his wife and sons and their families . We feel very proud to have known him.

Linda Gill - August 18, 2010 at 10:48 PM

HS

“ *Best. Teacher. Ever. Thanks for all the great memories!*

Heather Swanson - August 18, 2010 at 10:47 PM

WB

“ To the Randall family, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Coach Randall. He was always my favorite coach and proved to be such a mentor to me. I have thought of him often since my years in High School and it always has brought a huge smile to my face. His loving, genuine, convincing nature and positive attitude helped me grow stronger then and I hope I've begun to pass along some of these same traits to the younger generation surrounding me as well. May you all find some sort of peace in this time of grieving and know that this wonderful man touched so many lives in a positive fashion. My heart felt thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Wendy (Byrnes) Baker - August 18, 2010 at 10:33 PM

SB

“ Mr. Randall made 8th grade Science fun. I remember he always wore a suit and tie to class. He will be missed.

Sally Boyd - August 18, 2010 at 10:22 PM

TT

“ Our hearts are heavy, we offer you our utmost sympathy. We considered Norm a friend and were always happy to see Norm and Pam wherever we would run into them after we all retired. We rooted for him with pride as he succeeded in his second career at Lansing Christian. He was always a gentleman, a great teacher, and a good example for us all. He will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. We hope the good memories and love he had for his family will get you through this difficult time.

Tom and Connie Taylor - August 18, 2010 at 10:01 PM

DH

“ I had Mr. Randall, both as a teacher of Phys. Ed and science and as a coach for multiple sports. He was a great coach but an even greater man. He exemplified what coaches of young people should be. He was competitive, but always taught us life lessons that were much larger than sports. I have tried to use the lessons he taught me about being a good man throughout my life. I was greatly saddened by the news of his passing, however his influence will always be with me.

Dan Holmes - August 18, 2010 at 09:56 PM

CG

“ What a wonderful man! So sorry to his family and dearest friends for their loss. He had a presence to him everyone noticed. He was an outstanding coach who knew exactly how to challenge each player in the way that would make them succeed. With both of those statements I also believe he will always be remembered and continue to have an impact on others lives. Especially those dearest to him when he was here on earth, because he still effects thoughts and decisions of basketball players he had many years ago! Thank you Mr. Randall for your effect on so many lives :)

Carmen Gonzalez - August 18, 2010 at 09:22 PM

BP

“ Prayers to the Randall family. I'm sorry for your loss. Mr. Randall was a wonderful man and a great coach. I still have my track pic from my freshman year. I was not the greatest runner but he inspired me to keep trying and he always had a smile on his face. He was an inspiration to many and will be missed.

Bethany Newland Passick - August 18, 2010 at 08:43 PM

HP

“ I had Mr. Randall for an 8th grade earth science teacher. He was such a memorable teacher, creating constellations with glow in the dark stars. I remember I had this sparkly pink pen that would always turn up missing in the middle of class and I'd find it on his desk and he'd pretend it was his pen. Such great repore with students, I can only hope to be half of the teacher he was. Thanks for the memories & inspiration Mr. Randall, you will be missed.

Hali Collins Pyles - August 18, 2010 at 08:31 PM

J(

“ Scott, Stacey, Julia, Elise and Luke and all the extended Randall family, Our hearts are with you all. This is such a hard time in each of our lives when we have to say goodbye (for now) to ones we love. We praise the Lord there is a "tomorrow" when we will touch those people again. We will laugh and we will Praise God together when we arrive. We all have choices in this lifetime to make whether we believe or not. Norm knew this. We know this. Because of that, we WILL see him again, and in that moment it will be as if time has stood still and it is but a blink of an eye. Our arms are wrapped around you right now in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you all at this very sad time for you. We love you very much. Love, Aunt Janet, Uncle Tom, Shannon, Stephen and Matt Kaiser

Janet and Tom Kaiser (Stacey - August 18, 2010 at 08:13 PM

KB

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn about Mr. Randall's passing. I had him as a teacher in 8th grade, and as a coach in track. He was always cracking jokes and keeping us delinquents in line! His wife Pam was also a nurse for me and a few other family members several times up at Hayes Green Beach, and you couldn't have asked for a nicer person to care for you. My thoughts and prayers are with the many friends and family during this difficult time. I am truly honored to have known him as a teacher and a coach!!

Karli Britton - August 18, 2010 at 08:12 PM

EA

“ I played basketball for Coach Randall and had him as a science teacher about 10 years ago and I can remember at the end of the season he had a steak cookout for the whole team on homecoming. I can remember a few of us girls were sitting on the deck with him and one of us said that we were thirsty and he would always say "Are you thirsty or do you want something to drink. If you are thirsty there is some water right there and if you want something to drink have some pop." He always had you on your toes with his comments and we all knew that if we told him we were bored he would come back with "only boring people get bored." To this day I still tell people that when they say they are bored. Coach Randall was a wonderful coach and teacher. He will be missed dearly.

Erica Albrecht - August 18, 2010 at 06:59 PM

AK

“ Mr. Randall was one of my absolute favorite teachers in Charlotte, My sincere condolences to his entire family!

Angela Kibbey - August 18, 2010 at 05:46 PM