



# Richard W. Mallwitz

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**R**ichard (Coach Mal) Mallwitz (81) of Smiths Creek, died peacefully in McLaren Port Huron on Thursday, November 30, 2023 after a brief illness.

He was born to Willard and Isabel (Hawker) Mallwitz on February 11, 1942. He married Janet Pauly in St. Clair, MI on June 30, 1967. They were married almost 48 years before her death in 2015. He graduated from Marysville High School in 1960 and lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He graduated from Oakland University with his degree in education and earned his specialist degree at Wayne State. He began his teaching career at St. Clair High School in 1966 and retired in 2004. Coach Mal enjoyed decades coaching Varsity Baseball, Jr. Varsity football, Freshmen football, and assisting with Varsity softball.

He is survived by his special, every day person, Linda Massacar; his three children, Melisa (Aaron) Trobaugh, Mindy (Ron) Anspaugh, and son Zane; grandchildren, Autumn Mallwitz, Trent, Harper, and Grant Trobaugh and Austin (Anna Ritchey) Anspaugh; great grandchild Raelynn Nolan and Phineus Ritchey. His brother Ken (Bev) Mallwitz, and his children Scott (Karn) Mallwitz, Kathy (Jeff) Riedel, Ken (Jeremy Lowe) Mallwitz, Jodi (Ralph) French, April (Ryan) Fitz, Step-brother Jim Ralston; brother-in-law Bob (Pat Ball) and his children Ryan (Leah) Pauly, Sara (Kent) Waugh, and Laura (Angelo) Sanchez; brother-in-law Herb (Donna) Pauly and her son Doug Welch; brother-in-law Gerald Pauly and his children Michael (Michaela) Pauly, Brandy (Bobbi Williams) Pauly, and Nicole (Darrell) Standberry; brother-in-law Dennis Justice; great-nieces and nephews, cousins and close cousins; Larry Hall, Doc (Ruth) Hall, Nancy Withy, and Jerry (Joyce) Mallwitz; close friends; Glen (Karen) Stone, Nancy Roehl, Bill Pelcher, Jason Youngblood, Mike Sylvestre, John Mills, Dave Houck, Dallas Berry, Scott Wagar, Jack Quinlan, Tom Kasperski and his Coffee Klatch, neighbors, teaching and coaching colleagues, his Cross Current family. He was preceded by Sister-in-laws Sheila Pauly, Liane Pauly and Sue LaRowe,



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friends; Paul Jackson, Dick Roehl, Butch Simmons, Bob “Smitty” Smith, Fishing buddy “Captain” Ernie Lamansky and coaching side-kick Denny White.

Coach Mal thoroughly enjoyed his many years of teaching. He and Jan hosted many staff parties and bonfires with his colleagues. He was invigorated by his students and his athletes. He cared for and loved each and every one of them. He found joy in their successes in and out of the classroom, on or off the field. He and Jan made it a point to go to every student’s graduation party, shower, wedding or reunion they were invited to attend. He embraced the SCHS community and was there for so many events. Coach Mal would sell tickets to basketball games, go to wrestling matches, attend plays, and chaperone dances. He attended every SCHS graduation while teaching and many after he retired. SCHS Class of 1970 held a special place in his heart and he always attended their class reunions.

It is impossible to overstate how much love Rich gave to his corner of the world. To him, LOVE is an action verb. It was shown in his daily life by being a son/brother/father/friend/neighbor who would say “Yes” to helping- whatever was needed. He was never too busy. He was a man of deep devotion to his family, friends, and his faith. His children grew up knowing he was always there for them. He showed up to support them in their endeavors and did the same for his grandchildren. He was always smiling and embraced a joyful outlook no matter the circumstances. Rich was a coach, mentor, father figure, and role model to so many people. That was his purpose and he fulfilled it. He was filled with so much love and it was expansive. Rich had dozens of close friends because there was always room for another. Rich embodied 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7.

Melisa, Mindy and Zane would like to publicly thank Linda for being Dad’s every day special person. We will forever be grateful that you are in our lives and for the wonderful example of love that you and Dad demonstrated. He knew he was fortunate to have you and Mom. The family would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of the friends and family who prayed for him, sent him cards, and well wishes. We are especially grateful to those of you who went to visit Rich in Pontiac and Fort Gratiot. He was showered with so much love and affection. Every visit was a gift to him. We would also like to thank his wonderful and compassionate caregivers at Regency on the Lake and McLaren Port Huron.



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In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory can be directed to Servant Ministries, Kids in Distress, or the organization of your choosing.

Cremation arrangements have taken place. A memorial service will take place Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Visiting hours will be Wednesday, December 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m. and Thursday, December 7th from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Michelle Brown will be officiating the memorial. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)



# Events

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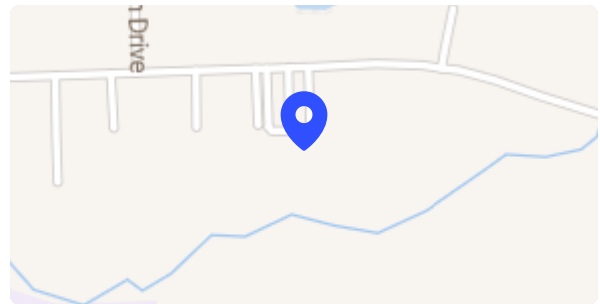
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## Visitation

**Wednesday**, December 6, 2023

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

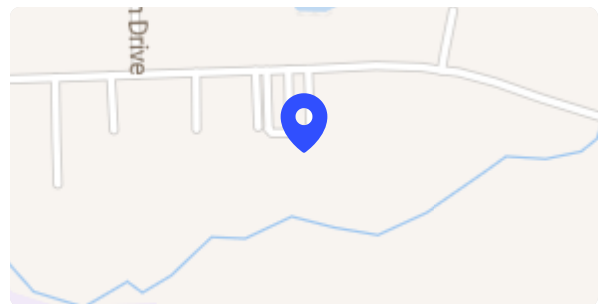


## Visitation

**Thursday**, December 7, 2023

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

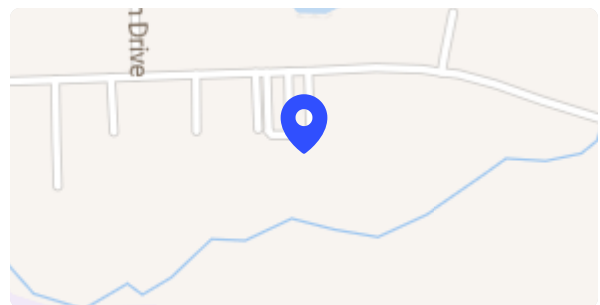


## Memorial Service

**Thursday**, December 7, 2023

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



## Cemetery Details

Cremation



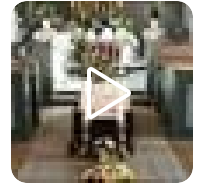
# Tribute Wall

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**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.** shared a **Webcast Video.**



December 7 at 6:42 AM



**Jay Nelson** posted:

Like so many others, Mal had a huge impact on my life. I still remember and use the things I learned in Mal's speech class whenever I have to do any public speaking, and the feedback he gave me on the short story I wrote for my final project in his creative writing class changed my life. I'm so grateful I had the chance to thank him for everything he did for me when, by chance, I saw him in the plaza in St. Clair while our class was having a reunion at Drifter's -- he even left his group to come to our party and say "hi" to everyone. What a wonderful man!

December 13 at 11:58 AM



**Sara Waugh** lit a candle in honor of Richard.



December 7 at 2:04 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Mallwitz family.



December 7 at 5:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Mallwitz family.



December 6 at 10:56 AM



**Darla And Jim Detroyer** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



December 6 at 10:56 AM



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**Jason Youngblood** posted:

I just wanna say what a blessing. It was to have known Rich for all these years. My wife and my family to have known him and his family. I met Rich when I started teaching at St. Clair high school in 1997. I love baseball and I asked who was the baseball coach and they all pointed me to Mr. Mal. I asked him if I could help him or if I could help JV or freshman, and he took me under his wing. what was so impressive about him as a coach and a person was his patience and love of kids and he showed me that you have to be empathetic at all times. When kids would strike out or do bad in the game, I would be the one all fired up and he would just go up to the kid, put his arm around the shoulder, squeezes his neck real quick, and say you get it next time. Whenever I talk to Rich about life's issues, and just things that I was going through. He was always a good person to talk to. He said some things you gotta leave to God, actually most things you have to leave to God. I didn't really understand that until I got older but what a really good person a good mentor and friend he was to everybody he met. I know the last time I hung out with him and Zane. It was pretty funny because when I went into the house, it looked like a bomb had hit I thought I was back at college living in a frat house or dorm room. There is leftover food everywhere, and the house was a bit of a mess and I was teasing Rich and said what's going on around here? His reply was it's the holidays I can do what I want and we had people over for the last 2-3 nights. He was all about family loved to see his kids, his grandchildren and anybody who show up. I just want to send my sincerest condolences to the family and all the friends who lost the kid may but in memory, he will be respected and loved.

December 6 at 5:07 AM



**Jason Youngblood** December 6 at 5:12 AM

Sorry, I didn't proofread the last sentence. How fitting that I'm sending this to my old English teacher friend I just wanted to send my condolences to his daughters son-in-law's family grandchildren all his friends, especially Linda who was by his side for these years. He had art of gold, he loved being around people and doing a lot of things, and his memory will live on.... My apologies for not proofreading my own words. I'm sure Mr. Mal is having a laugh right now.



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Mallwitz family.



December 5 at 4:51 AM



**John M. And Mike S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



December 5 at 4:51 AM



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**Michael Sylvestre** posted:

Though I was not a student of his, Rich, by example, taught me what a "good man" is. We have unfortunately lost one of the finest. Mike S.

December 5 at 4:47 AM



**Jeff Harwood** posted:

Mr. Mal will always have a special place in my memories. I think back fondly of Mal as a teacher, coach and a mentor. He was a very impactful person in my young life. He provided comfort and guidance to me as I did my best to navigate high school. His kindness and care transcended the contexts in which we interacted. It did not matter if we were on the baseball field or in the classroom. Mal was always available to teach, coach and provide support. He will be missed and remembered by so many for his formative influence on our young lives. Thank you Mal.

December 5 at 4:39 AM



**The Bean Family** sent a Serene Retreat to the Mallwitz family.



December 4 at 4:24 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Mallwitz family.



December 4 at 3:44 PM



**With Love, Ken & Jeremy** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



December 4 at 3:44 PM



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**Craig/Carol Raymod** posted:

In 1966, the students of the class of 1970 were greeted by a 1st year teacher named Mr. Mallwitz. He was our teacher, mentor, coach, and friend. As we grew older, graduated, had families and careers, Mr. Mallwitz became "Mal", Coach, and/or Rich. He was our friend and he always came to our Class Reunions which we were fortunate enough to have every 5 years. It was during the last few reunions that he joked that he was the only one present who still needed to hire a babysitter. Thank you for your friendship, we will miss you...Rest in Peace. Craig and Carol (Eisen) Raymond

December 4 at 3:11 PM



**Blair Osborn** posted:

Didn't have him as a teacher but played some softball with him in Marysville. What a nice guy, a great competitor and fun to be with. Rest in peace from the Engine Specialist softball team-Snodgrass, Tiny, McCartney, Smitty, Eifert, Osborn and all the rest.

December 4 at 1:51 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Mallwitz family.



December 4 at 9:49 AM



**Robert (Bob) Pauly And Pat Ball** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



December 4 at 9:49 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Mallwitz family.



December 3 at 12:11 PM



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**Krista Antonini, Student And Friend** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



December 3 at 9:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Mallwitz family.



December 3 at 9:05 AM



**Mike Roehl** posted:

Rich was one of the most energetic and upbeat people i have ever known. He was my fathers best friend and his best man in his wedding. Prayers to Mindy, Melisa and Zane. Rich, dick and Bob are together once again.

December 3 at 6:10 AM



**Yvonne Smith Mccoll** posted:

I agree with all of my classmates. Mr. Mallwitz was the best teacher ever. Helpful, kind and understanding come to mind. Yvonne (Smith) McColl (1970)

December 3 at 5:24 AM



**Doug Lorf** posted:

Great teacher and coach. Even a better person.

December 3 at 5:10 AM



**Jill Mahaffy** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Mel you were a smiling face to so many in and out of school! You coached my kids and educated them and had a glow about you that made me always smile. Seeing you at the gym in retirement and knowing you found joy where ever you were! Condolences to family & Linda. Another great man gets to RIP 🙏 Jill , Brian & family.



December 2 at 8:41 AM



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**Marian Fadanelli** posted:

Coach Mal , Teacher , mentor , a great friend ❤️❤️ On / off the field , In the classrooms, you were truly a great mentor, and inspire to all.... Always positive person, creative thinking ,challenging everyone to be better individuals, with love and respect !! You will be truly missed .. love Marian Fadanelli , class of 79

December 2 at 5:39 AM



**Alan Turner** posted:

Mr Mallwitz was a great teacher. I have fond memories of high school because of kind and caring teachers like him. He was light in darkness and a fine example of a follower of Christ. Rest with your Lord in that sweet by and by. Thank you for being a great example of what it means to be human.

December 1 at 9:40 PM



**Cathie Garner** posted:

Mr. Mal - one of the greats! His genuine enthusiasm for life and learning was palpable. May his loved ones be comforted knowing he touched innumerable lives. Rest in peace Mr. Mal.

December 1 at 6:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Mallwitz family.



December 1 at 6:39 PM



**Tommy B** posted:

Mr. Mal you were always the happiest, most upbeat teacher in the halls at SCHS. Years after I finally graduated and joined the army I stopped into the school and saw you, I remember you telling me "I knew you'd get your head in straight and make something of yourself, I'm proof you". Thanks for being the real deal and loving what you did. Until I see you on the other side read my daughter some good books for me. -Tommy B

December 1 at 5:37 PM



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**Jared Patterson & Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

December 1 at 4:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Mallwitz family.

December 1 at 4:36 PM



**Nancy Cobb Hancock** posted:

So sad he was a great teacher and he was very witty. Prayers being sent to his family. RIP

December 1 at 4:33 PM



**Cynthia Morgan-Reed** posted:

Mr. Mal was an excellent teacher because of his positive and upbeat demeanor and his ability to listen and truly "see" his students for who and what they were at that moment. He challenged those who needed to be challenged; loved those who needed to be supported; and, accepted those who needed to be accepted. Thank you Mr. Mal for sharing your lovely spirit with so many who needed your words and touch to feel special. Your memory is a blessing.

December 1 at 2:28 PM



**Karren** posted:

Mr Mallwitz was the best teacher ever! Words cannot describe how kind he was and always helped others. He will be missed. Prayers to the family. Karren Schneider class of 70

December 1 at 1:21 PM



**Pat Kennedy** posted:

My favorite teacher of all time and the reason I became an English teacher myself.

December 1 at 12:24 PM



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**Richard Rose** posted:

Rich was one of the nicest people I have ever known. He was an outstanding teacher and knew how to contact with all types of learners. There was no one to outwork Mall and his teams overcame all kinds of adversity to prevail over and over again. He also was a mentor to many other teachers over the years and certainly taught me a thing or two over my time at St. Clair high School. The world will miss Rich Mallwitz because it's a little less loving with him gone. Rest well my friend, Richard Rose

December 1 at 12:22 PM



**Vickie (Sampier) Ferguson** lit a candle in honor of Richard.



December 1 at 12:04 PM



**Bobby Smith** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Rich was an incredible friend to my father and a wonderful human being. He had an infectious smile and always made those around him feel special. You will be missed.



December 1 at 11:10 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



December 1 at 11:07 AM



**Michelle Malcolm** posted:

Mr. Mal was truly one of a kind! He made St Clair my "home" when I moved here, middle of my junior year. He affectionately called me "Jonesie", even when I last saw him. I will always think of him w great fondness and appreciation. I had the pleasure of introducing him to my children and chatting with him about Zane. My heart goes out to his family and friends, and all of the teachers and students who had the honoring of knowing him over the years. I love you, Mal, and I take comfort in knowing that you knew that. Rest in peace my dear mentor and friend. 😭❤️

December 1 at 11:07 AM



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**Rick Tebeau** posted:

Had Mal for teacher over 50yrs ago , seems like yesterday! Great teacher, coach, and friend!!

December 1 at 11:00 AM



**Arnold Kas** posted:

When I hear other people talk about the teachers that changed the course of their lives and who are still affecting their lives today -I think of Mr. Mallwitz (or Mal to Everyone) -I was looking forward to meeting up with him again after 30 years for our 30th -I'm sorry that I won't be able to attend the services.I hope he has a good rest and are inspiring the next generation of writers and Shakespeare fans wherever he is now -

December 1 at 10:50 AM

**AK** **Arnold Kas** December 1 at 10:52 AM  
Oops.-is-



**Arnold K.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Richard.



December 1 at 10:43 AM



**Vicki Kerszykowski** lit a candle in honor of Richard.



December 1 at 10:32 AM



# Media

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December 7 at 6:42 AM





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