



## Lossie F. Mahone

December 2, 1938 - March 26, 2025

Lossie F. Mahone, 86, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, surrounded by his family and a band of Heavenly angels ready to carry him to his final resting place.

Lossie was born on December 2, 1938 to the late John and Elizabeth Collins Mayhone, at Holden, West Virginia. He was a graduate of Lenore High School, where he earned the nickname of “Leapin’ Lossie” for his gift of playing basketball. He was also a graduate of Morris Harvey College, now known as the University of Charleston, where he played basketball, and the recipient of two graduate degrees from Marshall University. He was a Mine Electrician, a teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Transportation, and finally, Assistant Superintendent of Mingo County Schools. When he retired from the field of education, he was elected to the Mingo County Board of Education, serving twelve years.

Lossie’s skills on the basketball court came in handy when he coached both boys’ and girls’ teams. He played pick-up games until he could no longer leap. He was known for his wit, sense of humor, his fascination with history and genealogy, and for his love of children. He tried to make life better for the unfortunate, and to give a helping hand to anyone in need. He was an extraordinary disciplinarian. Even today, it is a badge of honor to have been “whopped” by Mr. Mahone. Even though he was stern, he used humor as a

way to lighten difficult situations. Yet, this gentle giant was one of the kindest, most compassionate persons that one could ever meet. He was of the Baptist faith.

Lossie is survived by his loving wife of 5 years, Glenda Mahone, daughters, Stephanie Damrom, Beth Baisden, and Lorrie Jo Mahone, 3 granddaughters, Elice Hinkle, Candace Fletcher and Kaci Jo Felix, 4 great grandchildren, Bryleigh, Aubrey and Elizabeth Fletcher and Bodhi and Spencer Hinkle. His surviving sibling is Betty Parsley. He is also survived by other loved ones and host of friends, too numerous to mention. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Cecil Mayhone, John Mayhone, and Faye Hatfield.

Following his wishes, there will be no funeral for Lossie. However, there was a great celebration in Heaven on the day of his passing.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many fond memories of this good man, but to share just a few of them, I went from seeing him as a strict American History teacher, that I did not want to get to know outside of the classroom, to a father figure. Once, I was paddled by the principal for playing hooky, then paddled my Mr. Mahone the next day for being "dumb enough" to get caught playing hooky. He taught me a lot about history, life, people, and basketball. When our varsity basketball team played the teachers in a charity game, the teachers beat us in a close game, but I was able to hold Mr. Mahone down to 52 points. We were later roommates in summer school, and Co-coaches of the Lenore Middle School basketball team. I will miss our talks that covered politics, sports, and history to name a few, and I will miss Mr. Mahone.

Thomas Damron - April 05, 2025 at 12:25 AM

HV

“ Mr. Mahone was a great man. He will be sorely missed by his many friends. My deepest condolences to the Mahone family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Henry Vinson



Henry Vinson - March 29, 2025 at 10:19 AM

RE

Prayers of comfort, peace and love as you go through this. I will never forget the time I got paddled by him. Just one lick but forever memorable. He was a great principal. I loved and admired how he handled the school and kept all of us kids in line. He definitely left an imprint in my life.

Rilla Edwards - March 29, 2025 at 07:27 PM

SQ

“ *He was a wonderful man to know*

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**Shane Queen** - March 29, 2025 at 01:51 AM

PO

“ *Lossie was well respected and he would whip anyone with his paddle no matter If you were a boy or girl. He spanked. Me the first 3 days of school fr missing the bus and I'd say daddy brought me to school and lossie would sat the bell already rang. I learned fast not to miss the bus. He was walking tall for sure. I loved him and respected him. Many years later after HS he could see me in town and out his arm around my shoulder and tell people how he use to paddle me. LoL. He got a kick out of that. He would say she turned out to be a nice lady. Lossie...rest high on that mountain. You were the best principal we ever had.*



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**PEGGY ooten** - March 27, 2025 at 09:08 PM

TH

“ *My memories of Lossie will be forever etched in my memory bank ..from being a little girl and spending the night with him and Mary to having him as a teacher and then a principal.I'm not proud to say I water that badge of having him paddle me also ..he would always say you know this is gonna hurt me more than it will you but now he wasn't on the receiving end ..he never failed to hug me and noggin the too of my head and tell me he loved me whenever we would run into each other ..I will forever cherish his guidance*

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**Teresa Hannah Hurst** - March 27, 2025 at 08:59 PM

SD

“ *I loved Mr. Mahone. I have precious memories of him. He will be missed.*

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**Shirley Dillon** - March 27, 2025 at 08:25 PM

BD

“ Loved Mr Mahone. One of the best. A teacher who made no difference in kids. He loved us all.

Bonnir Damron - March 27, 2025 at 06:44 PM

KE

“ Love him even though he paddled me for something I didn't do. He is such a good, kind soul he will be greatly missed.

karen evans - March 27, 2025 at 06:38 PM

AG

“ Lossie and I became pretty good friends while I was in 9th grade. Had him for American Studies in G2 in the Gym. We made a wager of \$1 whether or not I could attain a perfect attendance record that school year. I won the dollar only later to realize I was the one who got “suckered”. Lol. As far as I can remember he only paddled me once. I met him behind the school near the coal pile several times because I had done something to get in trouble. He would always talk to me and reason with me like two adults. Something that I will always keep with me. His persistent phrase with me was “a boy with your IQ ought to no better than that.” I was hoping to get to visit him before he passed but he will be missed by all, especially the students at Lenore High.

Adam Grubb - March 27, 2025 at 05:01 PM

SP

“ Mr Mahone was my teacher at Dingess Grade School. Every Friday he would choose 2 kids to walk over to the store and get the whole class a cinnamon sucker. He was the best and ive always carried him in my heart as my favorite teacher. RIP. Prayers for his family

Sharon preston - March 27, 2025 at 03:56 PM

EP

*Mr. Mahone was an Absolute Precious Man. My whole family loved him. Love and Prayers for his loved ones!*

**Elrita Parsley** - March 27, 2025 at 04:24 PM

TM

*“ We will remember him always. He was strict but everyone’s friend. My dad (Frank Porter) always talked about their younger days. As kids we respected him. He will be missed. Terry and Tammy Mahon*

**Terry and Tammy Mahon** - March 27, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DS

*“ Rest in peace, Mr. Mahone you will forever be remembered in so many people’s hearts and cherished memories my deepest sympathy to the family*

**Donna Spradlin** - March 27, 2025 at 03:17 PM

PD

*Mr. Mahone was not only my principal but, my friend he knew my mom and dad we were just family he was a good man and the best principal I could go talk to him if I needed to any time. RIP " Deepest Sympathy to the family.*

**Patricia Davis** - March 27, 2025 at 03:56 PM

KN

*Lossie was a special friend. In early years he was Mr. Mahone..later Lossie. Loved to sit and talk at games.He was one of a kind and will always be remembered for his smile, discipline and sense of humor...Lossie you left us all " with a smile"..Rest easy..fly high..till we meet you again..Carl and Kathie Newsom*

**Kathie Newsom** - March 27, 2025 at 04:26 PM

DM

*Mr Mahone and Mary Mahone were two of those most wonderful teachers I knew . In second grade Mary and Mr Mahone , made me feel so loved and special.at Buskirk grade school . Mr Mahone and I always was great friends , the last request he had for me was that I make him a prune cake ,a few years back and Stephanie took it to him, rest in peace my friend*

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**Daplin Payne Marcum** - March 27, 2025 at 09:36 PM

KM

*I loved Mr Mahone, he taught me so much about government, pushed me beyond my low self esteem and gave me confidence that I could do anything. He was definitely one of my faves! I will see u behind the golden gates!*

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**Kimberly May** - March 27, 2025 at 10:12 PM