



## Louis Ray Holtzclaw

September 18, 1933 - January 22, 2013

GREENFIELD- Louis Ray Holtzclaw, age 79, passed away on January 22, 2013. He was born on September 18, 1933, to the late Bert and Lettie (Brown) Holtzclaw, and was one of eight children. Lou graduated from Sandcreek High School.

After high school, he went to Georgetown College in Kentucky, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 1955. He returned to Sandcreek where he taught history, Latin, and math, and coached Jr. High basketball. During the summer, he attended I.U. and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and later completed his Master of Divinity degree. He was a senior minister at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Shelbyville, First Indiana Baptist Church at LaPorte, Indiana, and later First Baptist Church in Sullivan, Indiana. He then went back to school at Ball State University in Muncie where he earned his Doctorate degree in Education. In 1977, he became one of a team of three appointed by the president of Indiana University to start a degree program for adult students in the Indiana University system which included eight campuses throughout the state. After 21 years, he retired from IU and within one month the University of Indianapolis asked him to become founding Dean of the new school for Adult Learning. In 1981, Lou and his wife Marlene purchased 56 acres at the south edge of Greenfield where they built an Executive Golf Course and driving range called Shekinah on the Brandywine. Throughout his life, he was involved with sports playing with the traveling 70 year old and up Men's softball team. He ended up pitching for the Shekinah team at Brandywine Park and in the Shelbyville League for the 50 year and older team.

Lou is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marlene (Tichenor) Holtzclaw; son, Howard (Bindy); daughters, Donieta, Lisa (David); six grandchildren, Kandis, Kyle (Jennie), Rachel, Max, Hallie, and Sadie; sisters, Jean Dreyer, Ila Mae Slinker; and brother, David Holtzclaw. Preceding him in death were his siblings, Loyd, Luella, Donna, and Shirley. Visitation will take place on Friday, January 25, 2013, from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary in Greenfield. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the mortuary. Burial will take place at Park Cemetery in Greenfield. Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](http://www.erleweinmortuary.com) or email condolences to [sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com](mailto:sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com).

# Cemetery

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## Park Cemetery

621 South State Street  
Greenfield, IN, 46140

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**                      03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield  
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

**JAN**   **Service**                              02:00PM - 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Lisa I am so sorry for your loss. I'm not sure if you remember me or not but we were friends when you were in Sullivan. Your dad made such an impact on my life even though we were young at the time. He baptized me and I always remember the lessons he taught during Pastors Pals. We had such good times back then. I know we lost touch but those days were always a special memory to me. I actually ran into Howard a few years back at a HUD meeting and had the opportunity to catch up on the family a little. I just felt moved to write to you and share when I heard of the loss of your father. My deepest sympathies to the entire family. Karen "Canup" Everett

**Karen Canup Everett** - January 31, 2013 at 10:00 PM

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“ My sincere sympathies to Marlene and the family. I'll miss not seeing Louis when I go to the golf course. He was a very nice person. Dennis Porter

**Dennis H. Porter** - January 30, 2013 at 11:18 AM

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“ I wish to express my sympathies to you and your family. My prayers are with you. Frank R. Smith

**Frank R. Smith** - January 28, 2013 at 08:25 PM

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“ My family went to the American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, WI a number of times with the Holtzclaws, sharing a large cabin there. Those are some great memories. Although I have not seen any of their family for probably nearly 40 years, I still remember what a wonderful group of people they were and am saddened to know that Louis is no longer with us on this earth. My best to Marlene, Howard, Donita, and Lisa.

**David Nicol** - January 25, 2013 at 11:13 AM

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“ Dear Marlene and Family:

This world was better and my world was much better because Louis became a part of it. When I think of him the word that comes to mind is integrity. In the short time our lives were interacting with each other, I could always count on him to listen to a problem or concern, give solid advice and be my friend. God bless you all. I hope the time comes when we can visit and reminisce.

Ken Tingley

**Kenneth Tingley** - January 25, 2013 at 08:46 AM

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“ We met Lou at his lovely home when he and his wife graciously hosted the first outdoor service for Trinity Park UMC many years ago. It became an annual event not only because of the beautiful setting at Shekinah but because of the generous nature of Lou and his wife. They were always the best hosts and a true testament in showing others how to appreciate and share the blessings that God gives us. Our thoughts and prayers are with our friends, Donieta, Kandis and Kyle and the rest of the family for their loss.

With love - Jeff and Mindy



**Mindy Delp** - January 24, 2013 at 07:57 AM

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“ Mr. Holtzclaw was my teacher at Sandcreek. He was one of the people that inspired me to become a teacher.

Bill Richardson

**William Richardson** - January 23, 2013 at 07:01 PM

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“ Jo Ann Slunaker lit a candle in memory of Louis Ray Holtzclaw



**Jo Ann Slunaker** - January 23, 2013 at 03:44 PM



“ True friends remain friends, though Colorado and Indiana are many miles apart! We have been separated from Lou and Marlene for many years by that distance, but the friendship continues. What a joy it was to have lunch at the lake this past summer -- just like old times! We will miss our dear friend, but continue to hold Marlene in our hearts and prayers.  
Fran and Don Lambert

**Don Lambert** - January 24, 2013 at 09:53 AM