



## Rufus D. Eblen Jr.

February 19, 1940 - July 30, 2022

Rufus D. Eblen, Jr., age 82, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 6:05 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 2022, under the care of Heart to Heart Hospice in Evansville, IN.

Rufus enjoyed a long and distinguished career as an educator in Henderson County. He attended Western Kentucky University ultimately earning his Rank One degree. Rufus taught for more than 30 years at Henderson County High School. He poured countless hours and immeasurable talent into the English Department, and still found more to give by coaching the Academic Team. After his retirement in 1995, Rufus went on to teach English part time at Henderson County Community College. He was well liked and highly respected by students and colleagues alike.

Rufus was a Kentucky Colonel and, of course, a big fan of UK Basketball. He loved to travel and did so extensively after retirement with his wife Ruth. Whether he was stateside or abroad, Rufus found joy in the journey of seeing new places and learning new things. Rufus was a lifelong member of Cairo United Methodist Church. He was a kind and gentle man who loved his family and loved the Lord. He leaves behind a larger than life legacy through the lives he impacted, and he will be missed.

In addition to his parents, Rufus Sr. and Bessie Eblen, Rufus was preceded in

death by his sisters Carolyn Romain and Nancy Romain.

Rufus is survived by his wife of 56 years Ruth Eblen; son Paul Eblen; his three granddaughters: Ava, Hadley, and Sadie Eblen all of Henderson; and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to Rufus' Life Celebration from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and again on Thursday starting at 9:00 a.m. at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the funeral home with Reverend Tommy Eblen officiating. Burial will follow at the Eblen Family Cemetery on Pruitt-Agnew Road in Henderson, KY.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Cairo United Methodist Church at [www.cairoumc.org](http://www.cairoumc.org) or Heart to Heart Hospice at [www.hearttohearthospice.com](http://www.hearttohearthospice.com).

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

AUG 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
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email@bentonglunttapp.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rufus D. Eblen Jr.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends.*



**Lori Bumgardner** - August 07, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. I was fortunate to have had his class in high school. He was a great teacher. -Tom Springer*

**Tom Springer** - August 04, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rufus D. Eblen Jr..*



August 03, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *He was a very nice man and a good teacher. My sympathy to his family.*

**Anita Mindrup-Ivie** - August 03, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - August 02, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ Sad to hear Mr. Eblen has passed away. He was a great teacher. I'm fortunate to have been in his class for two years.

Tony Russell - August 01, 2022 at 07:22 PM



My heartfelt condolences to you Ruth. I am saddened by your loss. Wishing you peace, comfort, and courage.

James F. Carter, Stanstead, Quebec, Canada

Jim Carter - August 02, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ Rufus Eblen was a wonderful man. I have shared so many melas with Rufus and Ruth. They were a beautiful couple. They were both intelligent, witty and extremely kind. The Clerk in Canterbury Tales best describes Rufus, "Willing did he learn and willing did he teach." Every time I was with him, I enjoyed his insight. It is said that when an old man dies. a library burns. In Rufus case, it would be a massive one.

Roy N Pullam - August 01, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rufus D. Eblen Jr..*



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August 01, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Rufus was my lifelong neighbor he and Ruth walked every evening and always stopped for a visit I miss my neighbors and the talks we had !! Prayers for Paul and his family at this time for Ruth and Janet also.*



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**Diane McCormick** - August 01, 2022 at 12:34 PM