



PETER R. BOTTOMLEY, 1939 - 2011

Peter Russell Bottomley, age 72, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bottomley was born in Providence, Rhode Island on April 10, 1939 to the late W.R. Bottomley and Lucy C. (Copeland) Bottomley. He graduated from Pawtucket West High School in Rhode Island in 1957 and The Defiance College in Ohio in 1966. Pete completed his Master's of Music Education in 1969 from St. Francis University, Fort Wayne. He married Janet E. Deitrick on June 17, 1961 in New Bavaria, Ohio.

Pete began his music teaching career at Hicksville High School in Ohio in 1964. He taught at Hicksville for four years and then began music instruction at East Noble High School in 1967. Mr. Bottomley was the Director of Bands at East Noble until he retired in 1999. He also was the Orchestra Director for East Noble Theatre and conducted many memorable productions over the span of more than three decades.

He remained very active in the world of music education after his retirement and continued teaching part-time at Holy Cross Lutheran Middle School in Fort Wayne for about two years. Pete was also an "instrument fitter" for beginners in band. He worked at the Quinlan and Fabish Music Company in Fort Wayne for several years making sure that instruments fit youngsters properly.

He was a two-time Past President of the Indiana Bandmasters Association from 1985-87. He served on the State of Indiana School Music Association board of directors from 1994-97. He was a member of Phi Beta Mu Music Fraternity, Gamma Chapter.

He was a past member and 1980-81 past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club. Pete was also a member of the Summit City Men's Barbershop Chorus for several years. In his limited spare time, Pete enjoyed painting with water colors and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was also in the process of writing a book and was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Parrish in Kendallville where, in the past, he played the organ for mass.