



Benjamin E. Loveall, 1926 - 2008

Benjamin E. Loveall 82, passed away July 28, 2008 after a lengthy illness following heart surgery. He was born in French Lick, and grew up in Jasper, IN. He began a lifelong career in music at age 9, when he began trumpet lessons with his father, also an accomplished musician. In high school, he played in a dance band, which performed in and around Jasper. After high school he joined the Army, where he played in various dance bands, entertaining the troops during WWII.

After the Army, Ben attended Jordan Conservatory, where he met his future wife, Ann Boatman. They were married in 1951 on their college graduation day. Ben continued his education by earning a Masters Degree from Butler University.

He taught music in several schools, and was the band director at Carmel High School for 23 years, retiring in 1982. In 1976, he received the Outstanding Secondary Education award from Carmel Clay Schools. He was a member of Phi Beta Mu, honorary bandmasters fraternity, for which he served as President for 2 years.

Ben was a 50-year member of the Indianapolis Musician's Union. All of his life he played professionally in many different dance bands.

Visitation will be Friday, August 1, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., with funeral services Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. Ben is survived by Ann, his loving wife of 57 years, daughters, Julie Bookwalter (Charles) and Sue Pasquale (Bill); 3 grandchildren, Emily, Andrew and J.B.