



Carl Wehner

July 28, 1929 - February 19, 2013

Carl O. Wehner, 83, passed away peacefully on February 19, 2013 at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo. A visitation will be held between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Friday, February 22 at Richardson's Funeral Home in Cedar Falls and a celebration of Carl's life will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, February 23 at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. A luncheon will be served at the church after the service. Interment will be private.

Carl was born on July 28, 1929 in Hancock County, IL, the oldest son of Orville L. Wehner and Doris L. Wehner (nee Derks). He obtained a BA degree at Iowa State Teacher's College in 1951. While there, he met his future wife, Wanda L. Ponder. They married on June 16, 1952. Carl taught high school mathematics at Gladbrook and Mediapolis before returning to Cedar Falls to earn his M Ed degree from Iowa State Teacher's College in 1959. He then taught high school mathematics in Maquoketa for two years. In 1961 Carl began teaching in the Mathematics department at State College of Iowa. During his thirty-one year tenure at State College of Iowa (later to become UNI), Carl was recognized by his colleagues as a leader in curriculum development, especially in the new discipline of Computer Science. In addition to the classroom, Carl used his computer skills during a long period of service as the volunteer registrar of the Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He also presented papers at state and national meetings of this organization. During the turbulent 1970's Carl served as the

president of the UNI chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Carl retired from the University of Northern Iowa in 1992. After retirement, he was active in the UNI Emeritus Association and served as co-chair for this group. He was a lifetime member of the UNI Alumni Association and belonged to the Friends of the UNI Museum.

In addition to his professional duties, Carl was very active in many Cedar Valley organizations, especially those agencies helping others. He served for many years on the board of the Waterloo Urban Ministry and Operation Threshold. He volunteered at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, CROP Walk, Cedar Falls Historical Society, and the Cedar Valley Arboretum and Botanical Garden. For many years Carl was very involved in the Thanksgiving In-Gathering (the major mission project of the United Methodist Church). Carl was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Cedar Falls and was especially involved in their service projects. Carl was a member of First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls for over fifty years and also found support for his pacifist philosophy at the Cedar Falls Mennonite Church. His lifelong motto was "Live simply so others may simply live".

Carl had many hobbies. He enjoyed stamp collecting and was very active in the Cedar Valley Stamp Club. He was a farm boy at heart and always loved gardening. He also enjoyed attending auctions and hosting his own semi-annual "super" garage sales on Walnut Street.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Wehner of Cedar Falls; brothers Roland (Marilyn) Wehner of Iowa City, and Nelson (Joann) Wehner of Independence; daughters Sherilyn (Thomas) Dekarske of Milwaukee, WI, Susan Wehner (Guenter Munderloh) of Hamburg, Germany, and Linda (John) VanVlack of Rapid City, SD; grandchildren Joshua (Emma) VanVlack, Lillian (Tyler) Bruckner, Moritz Munderloh, and Eleanor

Munderloh; great-grandchildren Riley, Ethan, and Haleigh Bruckner; and many nieces and nephews. Carl is further survived by numerous friends and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the First United Methodist Church Hunger Fund, the Mennonite Central Committee Fund, or the Carl & Wanda Wehner Scholarship Endowment at the UNI Foundation.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Please know we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Pete & Sue*

Pete & Sue Rowbotham - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

RB

“ *Thinking of all of you at this time and holding you in prayer.*

Rev. Jackie Bradford - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

EA

“ *To Wanda and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Carl's death. Our family has been
connected for a long time. Valerie and Linda have been friends
forever.*

Eileen Jensen Anderson - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

BH

“ *I was saddened to hear of Carl's passing. He was my first computer
science professor at UNI in the fall of 1983, and he had a significant
influence on me. He taught the skills required, but more importantly,
he taught the process and the discipline of the craft. And it was
always clear that he was more than a good teacher, he was a good
citizen of the university and the community. He will be missed.*

Becky Hjellming - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

DD

“ Carl was a long-time friend and fellow Kiwanian who I will miss deeply. Such a wonderful, brilliant, honest and energetic humanist who cared about others. He was very instrumental in the development and operation of the popcorn concession for our CF Municipal Band concerts in the park which helped support us and many other causes. I'll always remember his upbeat positive outlook and solid character. One of the good ones in anyone's book, for sure. Condolences and peace to his family.

Dennis Downs - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM



“ Sorry about your grandpa Lily. Grandpa Mick and grandma Pat

February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Wanda, Sheri, Susan, Linda and families,
My deepest sympathy to you and your whole family. Carl was a special person. I will always remember his "garage sales" and huge garden. I will keep you in my prayers.
Linda Paar

February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM