



David McCalley

July 24, 1934 - June 9, 2013

David V. McCalley (1934-2013)

CEDAR FALLS- David V. McCalley, 78, of Cedar Falls, died Sunday, June 9, 2013 at his home.

He was born July 24, 1934 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son of Ray C. and Idene (Vaughn) McCalley. He married Marilyn "Mary" Taylor on December 3, 1955 in Diagonal, Iowa.

He graduated from Marion High School in 1952 and earned his BA degree from Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) in 1956. In 1962, he earned his MA from State College of Iowa (UNI) and then his EdD from the University of Northern Colorado in 1980. He taught Biology at Cedar Falls High School from 1957 to 1966 and then was employed with the University of Northern Iowa as Professor of biology and science education. He was Associate Director of CEEE from 1995 to 1997 and served as Executive Director of Iowa Academy of Science from 1998 to 2002. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls, where he served as Elder and was Commissioner to the General Assembly. He was past President of CFEA and the Arc of Cedar Valley and served on Board of Directors of the Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation.

Survived by: his wife, Mary; two daughters, Lisa L. McCalley of West Des Moines, and Ann M. McCalley (Petros Levis) of Minneapolis, MN; two sons, Mark A. McCalley of Waterloo and John M. (Becky) McCalley of Des Moines; one granddaughter, Krista McCalley; step grandsons, Jesse and Jordan Godfrey; one great-grandson, Aidan M. McCalley; one sister, Diane M. (Richard) Lesh of Georgetown, TX; cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: and infant brother, Donald M. McCalley, and one sister, Donna V. (Fran) Luse.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, with visitation for one hour prior to services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Science Education Scholarships through UNI Foundation.

Tribute Wall

GT

“ We enjoyed visiting with Dave and Mary at Chuck Gifford's funeral. He was such a nice man. So sorry for your loss.

Gary and Jean Taylor - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

AG

“ Dear Ann, Mary, Lisa, Mark & John,

what a sudden loss of such a nice man, how much pain! Grateful to know him even for such a small time. My deepest sympathy and love to all.

Agni - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

CB

“ Dear Mary and Family,

I was so sorry to learn of Dave's passing. His departure is a great loss but we are thankful for all the contributions he made to science and environmental education and the professional development of his many students. I joined Dave as he led the development of the Outlook program and will never forget the summers we spent teaching Outlook to teachers at Springbrook. Another of his memorable contributions was the many meetings devoted to the development, and constructions plans, for the CEEE. I personally remember our many commiserations concerning the problems of environmental education. He contributed much toward solving problems... and we did solve some. We miss the energy Dave committed to the progress of environmental education, his greetings, his smiles and his laugh. These will always remain in the hearts and lives of those he touched and helped along the way.

Carl Bollwinkel - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

EC

“ Dear Mary, I had a wonderful time with you, David, and Stan and Lois Schleuter when we all met up in Burlington, VT a couple years ago. I am thankful that you and David are a very nice part of those memories. Thinking of you...

Eric Campbell - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

SG

“ Dr. McCalley was one of my favorite professors at UNI. His passion for biology and teaching were inspiring to me plus his keen sense of humor made going to class enjoyable. My sympathy to his family for their loss of a truly wonderful person.

Sandra (Mapes) Granseth - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

RF

“ In 2003 we were with Dave and Mary on the Ireland tour. We are so glad we had the opportunity to become acquainted and visit with them. We had some delightful experiences together on that tour.
Bob and Helen Farr

Robert Farr - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

JD

“ Mary and family,
I just wanted to let you know how much Dave will be missed. He was one of the strongest advocates for equity and fairness I ever met. He was relentless in this mission and always in a manner that was persuasive without being offensive or officious. You all are in my thoughts.

Jim Day - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

PK

“ Dave, Dr. McCalley, was my advisor at UNI. His intelligence, his passion for the life sciences, and his empathy towards others were absolutely an inspiration for me. Even though I wasn't the most focused of students, I graduated in 1974 with a degree in Biology, for which I will always be grateful to him. His academic guidance was important to be sure, but his mentoring on life and what it meant to be sharing this world gave me a beacon to help guide me through the years. The world is a better place for his having been here and I feel I am a better human being for having known him. My heartfelt condolences to Daves' family.

Martin P. (Pete) Kies

Pete Kies - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

JT

“ Mary and Family,
My deepest sympathy for your loss. Dave was a generous mentor when I began my career at UNI. I will always remember the outstanding example he set.

Jill Trainer - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss.
Renata Patsaka

June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM