



Donald D. Ackman

April 6, 1928 - March 3, 2014

Donald D. "Don" Ackman (1928-2014)

CEDAR FALLS- Donald D. "Don" Ackman, 85, of Cedar Falls died Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Western Home Communities Elizabeth E. Martin Health Center.

He was born April 6, 1928, in Edgewood, Iowa, son of Herman H. and Martha Geneva Waldo Ackman. He married Joann M. Luense on June 16, 1951 in Greeley, Iowa.

He served as Staff Sergeant in US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. Don earned a BA degree from the University of Dubuque and MA from the University of Iowa. He was employed as a teacher and eventually a Principal for eleven years in the Jesup school system, and then as an Elementary School Principal for 26 years in the Cedar Falls school system, retiring in 1993.

Don served as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for many years, in the Cub Scout, Webelo, and Boy Scout organizations. He received the Silver Beaver award for the impact on the lives of the youths and the service given to the council.

Survived by: his wife, Joann of Cedar Falls; four sons: Terry (Karen Wolfe) of Rochester, MN, Scott of Long Beach, CA, Mark (Amy) of Cedar Rapids, and Brian of Manhattan Beach, CA; four grandchildren: Aaron, Ian, Sierra, and Emma Ackman; and two sisters-in-law, Roberta Ackman of Cedar Rapids and Geneva Ackman of Brookings, SD.

Preceded in death by: four brothers, Bruce Ackman, Carl Ackman, Hubert Ackman, Keith Ackman; and a sister at birth.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, MARCH 29th, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation for one hour prior to services at the church. Military Honors conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 Honor Guard. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the church, the Western Home Foundation, Cedar Valley Hospice, or East Central Iowa Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ We were deeply saddened to read of Don's passing. He was a wonderful , giving man, and he will be dearly missed.
Jeff and Mickey Baker

Jeff & Mickey Baker - May 01, 2014 at 05:58 PM

BM

“ You have our deepest sympathy. He was a great principal to work with.
Ralph and Barb Majerus

Barb Majerus - March 29, 2014 at 07:26 AM

DM

“ Mrs. Ackman and Family,
I am sorry to hear of Mr. Ackman's passing. Terry, Jeff, and I had a lot of fun working on our Scout merit badges together. I still have the pictures of Terry and I being awarded our Eagle awards together.
Our prayers to you all.

Dave McCalley

Dave McCalley - March 24, 2014 at 09:59 AM

BR

“ Dear Joann,

We were shocked and saddened to learn of Don's death. I had a lot of respect for Don and always enjoyed visiting with him at our class reunions. We send our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Ben (& Mary) Ryan

Ben Ryan - March 23, 2014 at 08:15 PM

AA

“ 5 files added to the album Don & Family



Amy Kriz Ackman - March 23, 2014 at 12:10 PM

BJ

“ I'm very sorry to hear about your family's loss. Mr. Ackman was a great principal at Southdale Elementary when I went to school there ('86 - '93). He was very friendly and caring. He will be missed by many of his former students that he was a principal over. - Bill Jensen

Bill Jensen - March 17, 2014 at 11:16 PM

TT

“ Tammy T. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Donald D. Ackman.



Tammy T. - March 11, 2014 at 05:49 PM

JF

“ Don was a second father to me. I loved his wit and wisdom, and his ability to make the best lemonade ever when he was handed a bowl of lemons. Don gave and gave, never asking for anything in return. He loved and accepted people for who they are, and if he didn't like you, you'd never know it, because that's just how Don rolled.

A decorated war veteran, master of wood working, educator of children, man of God, a loving husband and father, and devoted grandfather, heaven is a better place with Don there, and our world is a little less fun with him gone.

May peace, love, fond memories and God's love shower upon the Ackman family.

Josephanie "Missie" Ackman

Jo Franco - March 08, 2014 at 09:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald D. Ackman.



March 07, 2014 at 07:32 PM

MW

“ To the family when Southdale had their one fairs I had signed up for a pan of brownies. Well he got the first one . A few days later I had to get my daughter from school well I stop by the office for a chat with Don he wanted the recipe for my brownies little did I know he had his wife on the phone so I gave his wife my recipe for the Old fashioned Brownies . Don acted like a kid with a new toy!!!

Margaret Wehling - March 06, 2014 at 03:45 PM

EW

“ *Our funniest Uncle ever! He will be remembered sitting with his "twin" Kyra, and blowing out birthday candles on the Pocahontas cake! Telling us his WWII story's. And giving the keys to the school so the boys could play basketball in the gym! We want you to know how much he meant to us. Love you all! Eugenia, Jerry, Greg and Kyra Wilson*

Eugenia Wilson - March 04, 2014 at 12:45 PM