

E. Russell TePaske

September 15, 1930 - March 16, 2018

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CEDAR FALLS – E. Russell “Russ” TePaske, 87, of Cedar Falls died Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Western Home Communities Elizabeth E. Martin Health Center.

He was born September 15, 1930 in Sheldon, Iowa, son of John and Lucy (Russell) TePaske. He married Delight MacCanon on April 6, 1951 in Des Moines, Iowa. They divorced in September 1979.

He graduated from Archer High School in 1948; Westmar College in 1951; and Oklahoma State University in 1963 with a Ph.D. in Zoology. He taught in Lakota and Humboldt Public Schools from 1952 to 1961 and then was Professor of Biology at the University of Northern Iowa from 1963 until retiring in 1989.

Survived by: three sons, Larry (Ramona) of Waterloo, Lon (Paula) of Cedar Falls, and Mark (Lori) of Charles City; a daughter, Lynn TePaske of Waimanalo, HI; and five grandchildren.

Preceded in death by an infant son.

Memorial Services: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 at Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls. He deeded his body to the University of Iowa Department of Anatomy.

Memorials may be directed to UNI Foundation: Clifford and Alice Memorial Scholarship (Science) or Robert Runkle Scholarship (Social Work); or to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Special thanks to the staff at the Western Home's Martin and Stanard Centers. Russ loved his family, church, travel, and gardening. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
505 Franklin Street
Waterloo, IA 50703

Tribute Wall

EM

“ I was very sorry to hear of Russ's death. I remember him well from his time at UNI and the many College of Natural Sciences get togethers. I know he touched the lives of many students during his years at the University. As my sister, Lisa McCollum, wrote, I too am very touched that you have designated our parents' scholarship fund for memorial donations. I trust this will further UNI's long history of academic excellence in the sciences, a history to which Russ certainly contributed.

Eric McCollum
Fairfax, VA

Eric McCollum - April 11, 2018 at 12:45 PM

LM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. I remember him quite well from Science Department get togethers while I was growing up. I'm also quite touched that you designated the McCollum Scholarship for memorial donations. Thank you. I was in CF last fall for the annual scholarship luncheon and met the 2017 recipients of the scholarship. Such bright, enthusiastic young people. Our fathers would be proud of their legacy at UNI. Thinking of you during this difficult time.

Lisa McCollum
(Clifford and Alice's daughter)

Lisa McCollum - April 10, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of E. Russell TePaske.*



March 29, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss Mark, of your beloved father. Woody and I are thinking about you, Lori, Alex, and John.*
Your Friends,
Michele and Woody

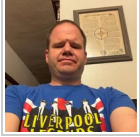
Woody and Michele Ely - March 26, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of E. Russell TePaske.*



March 26, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“*Russell TePaske was my grandpa. He lived down the road from the Riverview Conference Center. We used to walk up there and play on the playground equipment. Christmas and Thanksgiving were usually held at his house. I can remember one year he gave everyone Elvis pictures for Christmas. He would take bedding and towels up to the cabin my grandma would be staying at when she'd come up to visit. He strongly believed that family helps family. He never believed in wasting anything and repurposed things as much as possible. I will greatly miss him.*

Theodore TePaske - March 25, 2018 at 02:54 PM

AN

“*Condolences from one of the neighborhood kids. The cycle of life is something a biologist understood. I will never forget your dad giving us kids a tour of the biology department at UNI. We all remember happy sledding down the backyard hills. Best wishes, Angie Bergman*

Angie - March 23, 2018 at 04:28 PM

JB

“*While growing up, my family shared many wonderful times with Russell and Delight's family. Often we were all at the Cedar Falls campground and sometimes we had picnics in various Iowa locations. I remember one summer picnic that featured a huge watermelon, lots of Iowa corn on the cob, and fun. It was great to have such interesting and pleasant relatives. Please accept my condolences. Julie MacCanon Buffington Don MacCanon's daughter*

Julie Buffington - March 22, 2018 at 03:28 PM

WS

“ Larry, Lonnie, Lynn, & Mark,
Sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad and Mom. I always enjoyed when Russ came home to visit the "Archer Relatives." Hearing about all his trips and adventures, and wondering WHY he traveled to some of the places he did??? Every trip here, even if nobody was home, he'd come to the farm and look at the garden. It seemed like that was a must. Not too many Aunts and Uncles left on the Te Paske side. Must mean we are all aging too!!! Hard to believe that we would get together for Thanksgiving and Christmas in our childhood days.....and that has been 50 plus years ago.

Wayne Storm - March 20, 2018 at 05:06 PM

LH

“ Dr. TePaske was my academic adviser when I was a student at UNI, and was also my instructor in a couple of classes. I always valued his assistance as I worked towards my degree in Biology. And when I consider how many students he must have met through his years at UNI, I feel flattered that he recognized me over 20 years later when we had a chance encounter in the aisles at the local grocery store. He was a gentleman, a professional, a fine instructor, and I learned a lot from him. He will be missed.

Linda (Hoffman) Holm - March 19, 2018 at 02:45 PM

AP

“ Mr. TePaske was a faithful supporter of Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity. We appreciate his generosity and the significant impact he made on the lives of the many families we have served over the years. Our condolences to his family and friends. May you find peace and joy in the memories you share. God bless! - Ali Parrish

Ali Parrish - March 19, 2018 at 09:45 AM