



Edward Rutkowski

March 11, 1925 - January 1, 2009

Dr. Edward Rutkowski (1925-2008)

CEDAR FALLS- Dr. Edward Rutkowski, 83, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, January 1, at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home.

He was born March 11, 1925, in Milwaukee, WI, son of Edward and Florence Hoden Rutkowski. He married Helen Hass on August 29, 1959, in Marinette, WI.

Dr. Rutkowski attended Marquette University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952. He later earned his Master of Arts degree in Education in 1959 and his PhD in 1963, from Michigan State. From 1953-1959, he taught junior and senior high school classes in Illinois. In 1963, he began teaching at the University of Northern Iowa, retiring in 1990 as professor of History and Philosophy of Education. He was Past President of the Midwest Society of the History of Education, and was Founder and Editor of their Journal from 1972-1990.

Survivors include his wife of Cedar Falls; a son, James (Meg) Rutkowski of Richmond, VA; and three grandchildren, John, Duncan, and Ava Rutkowski.

Preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Richardson Funeral Home, where there will be a 4 p.m. Rosary and a 7 p.m. Vigil. Visitation also for one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen, Jim and Family,
We am so grateful for our daughter Sherri introducing Jim to Ed. Sherri and Ed awalked together at the Wellness Center at UNI. Ed and Jim both had a love for Jazz and Green Bay Packers. They enjoyed each others company. Jim would do anything for him. He was a fun guy to be around. When I finally was introduced to Helen we had some very good talks, while the guys listened to jazz. Ed will be greatly missed. We are so sorry for your loss. Jim and JoAnn*

January 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen, Jim, Meg, John, Duncan, and Ava -*

Ed was a great colleague of mine at UNI for many years. He welcomed me upon my arrival in the Dept. of Ed. Psych. & Foundations and was an interesting and thoughtful colleague with a great sense of humor. He spoke of his family often and always proudly kept us up on the achievements of his "Jimmy".

*My thoughts are with you all.
Stephen Fortgang*

January 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember the first time I met Ed at Holly Hill in Virginia when he, Jim, and Helen came to visit with their soon-to-be daughter in law, Meg, my daughter. He loved the new experience of Charlottesville and the big farmhouse and the Christmas games. A man who loved to take life in, which must have made him an extraordinary teacher. May God's blessing be on you, Helen, and Jim and Meg and our grandchildren who loved him so much. My love and thoughts are with you. Betty

January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Rutkowski was by far my favorite professor at SCI-UNI. He was a great guy and a fantastic teacher. I am very sorry for your loss.

January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Jim,

I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God is watching over him now.

Karen Hendershot Kinney

January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM