



Gilbert "Gil" Hewett

July 25, 1935 - December 7, 2020

Gilbert E. "Gil" Hewett, 85, of Cedar Falls died Monday, December 7th at the Western Home Communities Deery Suites, due to complications from a fall and COVID.

He was born July 25, 1935 in Fairfield, Iowa, son of John Earl and Marion Katherine (Schaible) Hewett. He married Roberta "Jean" Morgan on June 22, 1958 in Fairfield.

Gil earned his BS degree from Parsons College, MS and PhD from the University of Iowa. A lifelong educator, he began his career teaching science and math at Wheatland High School in 1957. In 1959, he started teaching at Fairfield High School. He then taught at Parsons College in 1966 before coming to Cedar Falls to teach in the education department at the University of Northern Iowa in 1972. He later joined Area Education Agency 7 as an Assessment and Research Consultant. He continued teaching at UNI as an adjunct professor. After retiring from the AEA in 2000, he worked four years as Director of Testing for the Waterloo School District.

Gil was a member of the Cedar Falls Rough Risers Kiwanis Club, serving as Secretary/Treasurer many years. He was also a member of several educational organizations. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls where he led an adult Sunday school class for over

twenty-five years.

Survived by: his wife, Jean of Cedar Falls; five daughters: Cindy (John Pestotnik) Hewett of Costa Rica, Barb Jones of Papillion, NE, Sarah (Robert Tamura) Hewett and Susan (Gary Walburn) Hewett, both of Simpsonville, SC, and Joan (John DeGroot) Hewett of Cedar Falls; one son, Robert (Heidi) Hewett of Woodstock, IL; 11 grandchildren: Andy and Allison Pestotnik, Ian and Aidan Jones, Alexandra, Elizabeth and Alayna Tamura, Emma and Kieran DeGroot, Ariadne and Cordelia Hewett; and a brother, John Hewett of Columbia, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lucille Lambert.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, with inurnment will be in Fell Cemetery in Libertyville, Iowa on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the services at the church. Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, Rough Risers Kiwanis Club, or Cedar Falls Schools Foundation. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Fell Cemetery

Libertyville, IA

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUL 21. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ My condolences to the family. Gill was a wonderful human being. He was always upbeat and pleasant at Kiwanis meetings and a pleasure to work with at Kettle Corn sales and other group projects, in addition to being a great club secretary. My very best wishes as you go forward.

Greg Stefanich

Greg Stefanich - July 19, 2021 at 02:39 PM

FC

“ From CarolynClayton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gilbert "Gil" Hewett.



From CarolynClayton - December 21, 2020 at 05:22 PM

CG

“ Dear Jean and family,
So sorry to hear about Gilbert I always enjoyed visiting with him at our reunions.
Sending prayers and love at this very sad time
Classmate
Colleen Peck Gipe(Cook)

Colleen Peck Gipe - December 20, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JH

Thanks Colleen.

Jean Hewett - December 21, 2020 at 02:09 PM

LK

“ *Our sincere condolences to your family. May you keep all of the good memories close to your heart.*

*Lana and John Kaduce
(Cindy and John's old neighbors)*

Lana Kaduce - December 17, 2020 at 04:39 PM

JP

“ *Jean
A voice from your grade school days. I remember our time together at Lincoln GS and Fairfield High School. I'm sorry for your loss. Life is never the same after loss.*

I've lost my husband, Dick Phillips, 16 years ago and still feel the loss.

Death leaves a heartache, no one can heal.

Love leaves memories, no one can steal.

May you feel the love and comfort of your family and friends.

Jane Winter, Phillips

JANE PHILLIPS - December 17, 2020 at 04:05 PM

JH

Thanks Jane.

Jean Hewett - December 17, 2020 at 04:29 PM

MF

“ Dear Jean and Family,

I am so shocked to read of Gilbert's passing in our paper. Just wanted to send a note to let you know you and your family are in my thoughts at this sad time. I certainly remember when Gilbert and John lived on the farm across the road, and we became friends. When the boys were living alone, we would have them over for a meal from time to time. Then when the Bryants moved here, I knew they were in good hands. My sympathy to you and all the girls and regards from our entire family.

Fondly,

Martha Flinspach

Martha Flinspach - December 17, 2020 at 09:10 AM

BW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Gil's passing. He was a wonderful colleague and great teacher in our department at UNI. We also worked together as officers in Phi Delta Kappa and I have many fond memories of those times. Gil was well thought of by so many students and I learned a lot in working with him over many years.*

BARRY J WILSON - December 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM

KW

“ *I always enjoyed my conversations with Gil when we worked together at AEA 7. My thoughts and prayers for his family. May memories bring you comfort.*

Kerri Gabbard Wilson, AEA HR office

Kerri Wilson - December 13, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JP

“ *John, Joan, and family,*

Our deepest sympathies during this difficult time.

*Best wishes,
Joe and Danette Priebe*

Joe Priebe - December 13, 2020 at 01:21 PM

SM

I had Gil as a professor at Parsons and later we were colleagues at the AEA. I always enjoyed visiting with Gil. He was a great co-worker.

Sara McInerny - December 13, 2020 at 09:26 PM

MH

“ *Sorry to hear the sad news. I always enjoyed working and visiting with Gil at the AEA, while I was working with the Iowa Dept of Ed. He was exceptionally sharp with any forms of data. Our prayers and sympathy to the family members.*

MARVIN HRUBES - December 13, 2020 at 12:46 PM

AP

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Andy Pestotnik - December 10, 2020 at 11:44 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cindy Hewett - December 10, 2020 at 09:49 PM

CH

Father's Day in South Carolina - June 2018

Cindy Hewett - December 10, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MG

“ *So very sorry to hear the sad news. You were such good neighbors there on Fillmore and such good friends to my kids. Jean, you were lucky to have Gilbert for so many years. God bless your entire family and know he's in God's loving arms. With deepest sympathy,*
Myrna Gilpin

Myrna Gilpin - December 10, 2020 at 08:13 PM

JH

Thanks Myrna. Those were good times on Fillmore. So long ago.

Jean Hewett - December 10, 2020 at 08:31 PM

“ *Email sent to Joan Hewett from Deb Beving-*

I received the sad news of your father's passing this week. My heart goes out to you. Both of your parents are wonderful, kind folks of character. Your father was so incredibly supportive of our work at Lincoln School. We took the Iowa Basic Skills Tests then, and struggled to review the results and make sense of them. We knew changes should be made, but needed support. I contacted your dad to help all of us through this process. Keep in mind I am definitely not a statistics whiz, like your dad. He asked me to bring the data sheets to his house and drop them off. He worked diligently, and prepared graphs for us, and helped not only me, but the entire staff actually understand what these tests measured, and what they mean! He worked with us at faculty meetings, many years, and helped our teams with "action plans" (our term). One of the most incredible things about your dad, who was obviously brilliant, was his humble and caring manner. NEVER did he act like, I didn't really know what I was doing- or anyone else for that manner! He was always calm and thorough in answering questions, no matter how many times it took us to understand the concepts. He was such a model of true leadership and professionalism to me, and to our entire staff. He also made time to come over to consult if we needed support, and we all appreciated him so very much.

I know it's hard to lose your dad. My heart and prayers are with you all. My dad passed away in January and I think of him every day. I can only share that I admire your dad and am thankful and honored he shared so much of his knowledge with us at Lincoln . You are all so fortunate to have had many, many wonderful times together.. He has always been an incredible man of character and faith. I'm honored to have worked with him.

Thinking of you and your family,

Deb Beving

Cindy Hewett - December 10, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gilbert "Gil" Hewett.*



December 09, 2020 at 03:53 PM