



Howard Jones,

April 6, 1922 - May 17, 2013

Howard V. Jones, Jr. (1922-2013)

CEDAR FALLS- Howard Vallance Jones, Jr., 91, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, May 17, 2013, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home, Waterloo.

He was born April 6, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Howard Vallance Jones, Sr. and Frances Ninetta Edmondson Jones. He married Ellen Margaret Aakvik on July 21, 1956, in Richmond, Indiana. She died December 18, 2000.

He served in the US Army during WWII. He graduated from Newton High School in 1939 and earned his A.B, magna cum laude, in 1946; A.M. in 1947 and Ph.D. in 1950, all from Harvard University. Following graduation, he was Assistant Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire and later Iowa State Teachers College (UNI), where he became Professor in 1963. He was the first elected Chair of the Faculty; First University Commencement Marshal; and past Chair of the Faculty Senate, retiring in 1991. In 1958, he served as Chair of ISTC Lecture-Concert Series Committee (later UNI Artists Series) and started UNI Chamber Music Series in 1967. In 1974, he started UNI-Civic Arts Association (later Friends of the Gallagher-Bluedorn) and was Executive Secretary as well as author of the newsletter until retirement. He was a member of the Association of college and University Concert Managers (now the Association of Performing Arts Presenters) where he served on the

Board, as National Conference Chairman, Vice President and President. He was past President of the Cedar Falls Rotary Club.

Survived by: a daughter, Catherine E. (Raul A.) Morales of Fort Walton Beach, FL; and two grandsons, Sean J. and Kayle M. Huffnagle.

Preceded in death by: a son, Howard V. Jones III.

Celebration of Life service will occur at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013, at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Howard and Ellen Jones UNI Foundation, Community Foundation Howard Jones Chamber Music Fund, or Community Foundation Operatic Fund.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ Catherine - so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. We just shared a few emails not that long ago. He was a good man, as was your mother and brother. I miss all of them. I wish you well and send you strong healing energy in these next days and weeks. Love, Chris Olson

Chris Olson - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

DB

“ My best wishes to the family. Dr. Jones was my mentor in college as an undergraduate and graduate student and it was because of him that I now teach history. I got to visit him in his home about a year ago - I am so grateful for that hour I spent with him. He is dearly missed by all the students that loved working with and for him.

Deborah Peterson Bjelajac - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

DH

“ Dr. Jones was my professor, mentor, graduate adviser, and Thesis Adviser at the University of Northern Iowa from 1970 to 1972. He was a marvelous lecturer, willing adviser, friendly mentor, and good friend. His wife was also my sister's piano instructor. He was also a colleague of my mother, Dr. Mary Graves, English Department, 1949-1963. The world is a better place for his having passed through it.

David B. Hanawalt - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

LK

“ Howard was a great teacher as well as a supporter of and leader in the Performing Arts. He brought so many top quality artists to our little midwestern area introducing students to things they had never heard, and enriching the community for all. Rest in peace, Howard. You made a difference.

Loydene Keith - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ Dr and Mrs Jones were always so hospitable and gracious to the friends of HVJ III. I remember many fun and memorable visits to their home. I was very sad to hear of Dr Jones' passing. Catherine and family, please accept the Minehart family's condolences and know that our thoughts are with you all.

Dave Minehart - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ To Howard's family,

I met Howard at the UNI Faculty Senate table in fall 1973. He was elected Senate Chair that day; and I became Vice Chair. For me, it marked the beginning of a journey that has yet to end, as I learned about faculty governance from him, following later as Faculty Chair and even Commencement Marshal! Further, having the good fortune to become a member of the UNI-Civic Association Board from 1989 to 1993, I listened to the marvelous stories Howard would share about his meetings to identify each season's talent. During those years, Howard and Ellen were gracious hosts, opening their wonderful home for many delightful evenings. In more recent years, I always enjoyed chatting with Howard; his wit remained keen.

Howard affected so many of us; this rippling effect remains even to this day and beyond.

In deep sympathy,

Judith Harrington

Judith Harrington - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

JK

“ My very first professor as an undergraduate student at UNI and my faculty advisor throughout my time in the History Department, Dr. Jones was such an enjoyable instructor for his vast knowledge and great sense of humor. I owe a huge debt of gratitude for his mentoring and for how he has influenced me as a teacher today. His passion for the arts and music have influenced so many privileged to have conversed with him as well.

The Heavenly Choir and Symphony will certainly be assembled to meet him. And I am sure he knows them all by name. Rest in Peace, Dr. Jones.

Jeff

Jeff Kapler - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

NC

“ Dear Catherine and family,
Please accept our sympathy for the loss of your father. He was outstanding in so many ways. When I was a student at UNI, I considered him the best history professor in the department, and I took as many classes from him as I could. He was both wise and witty and his lectures were very interesting. I felt he truly cared about his students. In later years he became a friend to me and my husband. He and your mother were truly delightful, talented people. The world and especially Cedar Falls were better because they were in it.

*Sincerely,
Norma Caquelin*

Norma Caquelin - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

LM

“ It is with great sadness that I learned today of Howard's death. He had been a valued member of the Boyd list at Rootsweb.com for many, many years. He was extremely knowledgeable and a joy to correspond with. Howard had a great sense of humor too! We used to swap the Nigerian Fee Fraud emails we received and discuss how silly they were.

I will miss Howard's presence on the list. However, I suspect that he and Linda Lawhon and some of the others from the group who have passed on are having a great time sharing our Boyd genealogy again!

On behalf of the House of Boyd, I extend our sincere condolences on the loss of this wonderful man. 91 years were not nearly enough!

Yours Aye,

*Lauren Boyd McLachlan
President
House of Boyd Society*

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