



Jack E. Graham

November 20, 1942 - March 14, 2015

Jack E. Graham (1942-2015)

CEDAR FALLS- Jack E. Graham, 72, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, March 14, at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester, MN, after a brief battle with an aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Son of Jack and Velda (Berg) Graham, Jack was born November 20, 1942, in Wichita, KS. He and his wife, Therese Fetter, were together for nearly 40 years.

Jack graduated in 1960 from East High School in Wichita. In 1964, he earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Wichita State University, followed by a master's degree in clarinet performance from the University of North Texas in 1968. For his entire career, Jack was Clarinet Professor at the University of Northern Iowa, retiring in 2003, after 35 years. He served as Principal Clarinet and Associate Conductor of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra, retiring as Acting Music Director and Conductor in 2000. For over 30 summers, he was Principal Clarinet of the New Hampshire Music Festival in Plymouth, NH, where he also served as Personnel Manager and Chamber Music Coordinator. In retirement, he continued to teach for the UNI Music School, served as Adjunct Professor for the music department at Wartburg College, and defended and repaired clarinets at Tenor Madness in

Waterloo.

Jack inspired many students, colleagues, and fellow artists with his knowledge and quintessential musicianship. Aside from music, Jack was an avid racquetball player. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending many years hiking in the White Mountains, and also watching birds on his deck.

Survived by: his wife, Therese Fetter; stepson, John (Paige Hepple) Fetter, two grandchildren, Graham and Katell Fetter of Rochester, NY; sister, Stacey (Terry) Graham Steele of Slippery Rock, PA; nephew, Andrew (Sarah) Steele and great nephews Mather and Deacon Steele of La Grande, OR. His local family included sister-in-law Anne (Jeff) Franck of Marshalltown, and their children Grace and Leah (Andrew Meyer) Franck and children Ronan and Sylvie Meyer, Cedar Falls.

Preceded in death by: his father, Jack Graham; mother, Velda Graham; and nephew, Jeremy Steele.

A memorial service and musical celebration of Jack Graham's life will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 3 p.m. in the McElroy Lobby, Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. All are invited to attend.

Memorials may be directed to the Jack Graham Memorial Fund at the UNI Foundation (205 Commons, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0282), or to the New Hampshire Music Festival in memory of Jack Graham (7 Main St., Plymouth, NH 03264).

Previous Events

Memorial Concert

JUN 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Therese, John,
It was too soon for Jack to go. I hope that you realize his influence
on so many people shaped our lives. He made the clarinet "sing"
like noone else I had heard
before. Feel my hugs,
Ann Barry*

Ann Barry - June 06, 2015 at 01:01 PM

RD

“ *we'll all miss you uncle jack thank you for being my donald duck and
sending me prezzies xx*

roisin davison - April 23, 2015 at 07:30 PM

NP

“ *Jack was the orchestra director in the mid
70's when I was in music school at UNI and
he gave lessons to me one semester even
though I was a bassoonist. I always admired
the beautiful tone he had on his clarinet. Jack
had a compassionate side to him that I will always be grateful for.
He was a great man and the most influential professor in my life
during college. RIP Professor Graham.*



Nancy Pierce - March 24, 2015 at 03:13 PM

JS

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, Therese.*

Julie Stroud - March 24, 2015 at 08:28 AM

DR

“ Jack and I became good friends when he started teaching at UNI. Jack - great sense of humor, good sense about quality in performance, coaxed wonderful music from a reed, from his students and from ensembles. He will be missed.

David Rust

David Rust - March 20, 2015 at 12:17 PM

LG

“ When I was at UNI in the late 60's and early 70's Jack was only 6 years older than me. While not a clarinetist, I had the extreme pleasure of performing and socializing with him on a regular basis. By example he taught me that the only path to playing professionally was through relentless preparation, attention to detail and professionalism. He certainly was one of my most influential mentors. RIP professor Graham, you will not be soon forgotten. Lee Gause (BM 1973)

Lee Gause - March 20, 2015 at 11:33 AM

RH

“ Jack loved racquetball and the guys he played with always loved playing with him. I know he will be missed on the courts.- Rich Hoewing

Rich Hoewing - March 19, 2015 at 11:02 AM

AL

“ Allen & Angie Alcorn & boys



Alcorns - March 18, 2015 at 10:05 PM



“ Jack is the one who really turned me into a clarinetist. I'll never forget him for that AND the many life lessons he taught me.

Les Aldrich - March 17, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ Jack was my first clarinet teacher when I was in high school. Once I came to UNI, he mentored me and made sure I was on the right track with everything I did.

He will be missed. Thanks for believing in me, Jack.



Alisa Stuard - March 17, 2015 at 05:20 PM



Somehow my phone posted this as someone else. This is Jay Gummert posting this.

Alisa Stuard - March 17, 2015 at 05:21 PM