



James D. Halsor

November 2, 1939 - October 8, 2018

James D. Halsor, 78, of Cedar Falls died Monday, October 8, 2018 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

He was born in Mason City, Iowa to Melvin and Dorothy Halsor. He was a 1957 graduate of Mason City High School and a 1959 graduate of Mason City Junior College, now NIACC. He served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1963 as a radar/missile guidance technician on the F-102A and as a combat judo instructor. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1965 with a B.A.; 1969 with an M.A.; and 1973 with a secondary school administration certification.

He began his 32 year teaching career in 1965 at Jesup, Iowa where he taught junior high science for three years. He taught health education at Holmes Junior High in Cedar Falls from 1969 until his retirement in 1998. During his tenure as a teacher he also coached football, wrestling, and track for 13 years at Jesup and Cedar Falls.

He was an avid golfer for many years and a past president of the Twilight Golf League of Cedar Falls. He belonged to Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49. He was also a member of the Proud Image barbershop chorus for many years, twice singing on the stage at International concert.

Throughout the years, he found immense joy in following his son's activities as he went through the Cedar Falls schools and Wartburg College. He equally enjoyed watching and playing with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed getting together with high school classmates on a regular basis.

He is survived by his son, Greg Halsor (Karen) of Waverly, Iowa; two brothers, Jerry Halsor (Margaret) of Lakewood, Colorado, and Richard Halsor (June) of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; a sister, Janice Anderson (Neil) of Omaha, Nebraska; and special friend, Sara Dunbar. He had three grandchildren, Cael, Summer, and Apryl whom he loved dearly. He is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Richardson Funeral Service with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and also for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be given to Cedar Valley Hospice or Cedar Trails Partnership.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PL

“ JIM WAS A GREAT PERSON, WITH A GREAT PERSONALITY & VERY HUMOROUS!
I REALLY GOT TO KNOW JIM AT MCJC. CLASSES & FOOTBALL WHERE WE SPENT A LOT OF FUN & HARD WORK- IN FOOTBALL. JIM LOVED SPORTS, AND HAD A LOT OF RESPECT FOR FOOTBALL & TRACK COACH BILL MOORE. I HAVE KNOWN JIM SINCE 7TH GRADE, I HAVE AND WILL ALWAYS ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT A SMART & CARING PERSON THAT HE BECAME. GOD BLESS JIM.
PAT LENNAN CLASS OF 57

Patrick Lennan - October 14, 2018 at 09:26 PM

CK

“ I remember coach Halsor as a coach and teacher at Jesup. He was great . My sympathy to the his family. Camille Faust Kastli

camille kastli - October 12, 2018 at 03:33 PM

TH

“ SORRY TO HEAR OF JIM'S PASSING. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND A GOOD GOLFING PARTNER.

TED HOOL
CEDAR FALLS VETERANS GOLF GROUP

TED HOOL - October 11, 2018 at 11:43 PM

JM

“ He was my 7th grade health teacher at Holmes Jr high years ago..He made the class fun.....sending my deepest sympathies to his family.

Jodie mayne - October 10, 2018 at 04:29 PM

JR

“ Jim taught with my husband, Maynard, in JESUP, IA. It was through him I met Maynard. He was a great friend to us for many years.
Julie Rowson

Julie Rowson - October 10, 2018 at 11:32 AM

MM

“ Jim was my very best guy buddy for 67 years...! We went through all of our personal highs and lows together...All of us should cherish all of the great memories we have!!...He will be missed!! Mary and Steve Moyer

Mary Moyer - October 09, 2018 at 08:38 PM

GH

There are no more tears for Kay and me to shed now that Jim is in a better place, but we have great memories. Like the grief he gave me on the golf course; the 30-45-minute phone calls to set things straight in sports and the world in general; his uproarious laugh at the 3-hour gatherings at the Pizza Ranch in Iowa Falls, and on and on. He was a truly special friend never to be forgotten
Gary and Kay Hickok.

Gary Hickok - October 10, 2018 at 09:32 AM

JB

75 great memories; and now so many tears to lose such a great friend: Lincoln school, baseball, Maude's apple pie. best man at my wedding , his golfing "tips" and phone conversations just to "banter". He will forever be in my heart.
Jimmy Bailey

Jim/JoEllen Bailey - October 10, 2018 at 10:03 PM

JB

Correction: 75 years of great memories.

Jim/JoEllen Bailey - October 10, 2018 at 10:08 PM

CI

Mr. Halsor was my teacher at Holmes many, many years ago. He had a great sense of humor! We always had a good visit when we would cross paths around town. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

With deepest sympathy, Christina Hesse Isley

Chris Isley - October 11, 2018 at 09:13 AM



My deepest sympathy to your family. Mr. Halsor was one of my all-time favorite teachers! (7th grade; Holmes) To this day, I use some of his quotes ("R-A-T rat now!") and remember the sayings on the posters in his room.

Mary Starr - October 12, 2018 at 01:35 PM

KH

My deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Halsor. I had him as my 8th grade health teacher and 8th grade football coach at Holmes. He taught me so much to take with me through life. Thank you for everything and all the lesson of life. Kim Hager

Kim Hager - October 15, 2018 at 10:05 AM