



Jerry William Eimers

October 17, 1925 - September 6, 2018

DIKE-Gerald W. "Jerry" Eimers, 92, of Dike, died Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

He was born October 17, 1925, in Halfa, Iowa, the son of Emil J. and Adella (Meyer) Eimers. He married Darlyn Schommer November 25, 1949 in Burt, Iowa. She died February 16, 2012.

Jerry served in the United States Army during World War II. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Upper Iowa University in Fayette in 1949 and received 30 hours towards his Masters degree from the University of Northern Iowa. He taught and coached at the Onslow Independent School District from 1949-1953, Clarksville Independent School District from 1953-1955, Greene Community School District from 1955-1976, where he also served as Athletic Director, and finally from 1976 until his retirement in 1990 at the Dike Community School District, where he coached the 1980 Dike boys' basketball team to a state championship.

Jerry experienced great joy from the family that he and his wife Darlyn created, supported, and nurtured. This extended into retirement as he was eager to visit his family and friends, particularly if it involved his grandkids. He rarely turned down an invitation to a grandchild's musical performance, graduation, game, or other significant event.

Coach Eimers was inducted into the Iowa HS Hall of Fame in both basketball and baseball, as well as in the Upper Iowa University Athletic Hall of Fame. Toward the end of his career, he was the winningest active coach in Iowa boys' HS basketball and retired with a record of 533-286. Despite his successes, players remember him as being fair, equitable, and committed to finding ways where everyone could play a contributing role—from star player to the manager. Coach knew that to be successful at the high school level, it was necessary to develop the skills and talents of the community's youth. Thus, he spent significant time on the diamond, the court, or at the chalkboard over his 38-year career helping young players get better—no matter their gifts. To be sure, Jerry's true passion was shaping the personal character of those kids. These former players and students have held golf outings on his behalf, invited him to lunch when in town, dedicated a book to him, and graciously paid for his accommodations at their high school reunions. After decades, they still called him "Coach." This seemingly small gesture was actually one that brought him so much pleasure and pride.

The family wants to acknowledge, in particular, the friends who stopped by to visit and the neighbors who kept a watchful eye on 603 5th Street as their dad's health wavered. Just one example of this dedication was that if his living room shade wasn't open by a designated time in the morning, be assured his phone would ring.

Jerry is survived by one daughter, Jennifer (Kevin) Cartee of Peosta, four sons, Wendell (April) of Peosta, Jeff (Colleen) of Shorewood, WI, Mardy (Lisa) of Columbia, MO, and Dan (Carol) of San Diego, CA; eighteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and one brother Ervin (Pat) of Burt, IA. He was preceded in death by two sons, Larry and David Eimers; four brothers, Ray, Everett, Don, and Wilfred; and one sister, Darlene Schmidt.

Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at Fredsville Evangelical Lutheran Church, 32756 150th St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613, with interment in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Fredsville Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice. Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Cemetery Details

Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fredsville Lutheran Church
32756 150th Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ I'm sorry for your loss.
He will be missed by many friends and family also from former students of Dike.
I will miss his laughter and smile that always brightened up the room and or day.
Your thoughts and prayers will always be on my mind.
A friend and former student of Dike
Christina Mesenbrink

christina mesenbrink - January 02, 2019 at 03:23 PM

DV

“ Coach Eimers is remembered fondly and will be missed by all the Veatch boys.

Daryl Veatch - September 19, 2018 at 01:55 PM

GS

“ Mr. Eimers was a great teacher and coach who had a positive impact on countless youth in the Greene area. He was a terrific role model, consistently demonstrating great character. He displayed dedication, hard work, respect, and class on a consistent basis. Many life lessons were learned by those of us fortunate enough to have him as a teacher and coach. Thanks to one of the great men I have known. Rest in Peace.

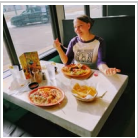
Dee and I send our sympathies to the Eimers family.

Greg Stewart - September 11, 2018 at 08:46 PM

BN

“ I went through a stack of sympathy cards looking for one that expressed my condolences to Jerry's family for his loss, but I did not find one. As I thought more about what Coach Eimers meant to me, and I am sure to thousands of young people, I believe it is more fitting that I express a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Eimers' family as well as condolences. Thank you for sharing your Dad with the youth in Greene, Iowa, and I am certain in Dike as well. I graduated from Greene High School in 1968 with your brother Larry. Coach Eimers was my baseball coach from the time I started Little League at the age of 7 through high school, in junior high football, and in High School basketball. His tireless commitment and dedication by giving up his summers to coach youth baseball and opening the gym on Sunday afternoons for community basketball were examples of how he went over and above the requirements to benefit the young people in Greene, Iowa. When I watch professional baseball players today, I am dismayed when they miss the cut off man, throw to the wrong base, or make the first out of an inning at third base. No one that had been coached for more than two years by Coach Eimers would make those mistakes. When I talked with Coach Eimers this spring, I shared my belief that his teaching Little League baseball was the key to the success of nearly all of the high school athletics in Greene because he taught everyone how to be coached. Any success the Class of '68 had in sports should be attributed to Coach Eimers teaching us the fundamentals of whatever sport we were playing. That education on the playing field carried over to success in the more meaningful aspects of life beyond high school sports. Thank you, Coach.

Bruce Nettleton - September 10, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ May God bless the family during this time of sadness. I knew him only a brief amount of time; but I rejoice that he is now able to see the Lord without any more pain. Russ RN

Russ Sandra Pottebaum - September 10, 2018 at 08:47 PM

TH

“ He was a wonderful role model for the kids in Greene.
A true Hall of Famer. My sympathy to family and friends.

Tom Hagarty - September 10, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased
for the family of Jerry William Eimers.



September 10, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ Jerry and I taught for 20 years together in Greene, Iowa teaching
junior high. He was a good friend. The last time I saw him was at
the class of 61's 50th. We both so enjoyed our time there. Praying
for all the family.
Janet Barnhart

Diane Larson - September 09, 2018 at 07:20 PM

GW

“ Our sympathy and prayers at this time. He was a very special
person and always a smile for everyone. Gloria Willms & Family

Gloria Willms - September 09, 2018 at 05:05 PM

CK

“ Mr. Eimers imparted knowledge, skill, and character. Not many
people can say that. He gave us lessons that last a lifetime.
Craig Kemming

Craig Kemming - September 09, 2018 at 04:52 PM

TO

“ Great teacher, Great Coach, Great Father, Great Man!! RIP Sir, you shaped many lives for the better, including me, Thank You!

Tim O'Brien - September 09, 2018 at 04:29 PM

GJ

“ Coach Eimers was my mentor. He coach me in baseball and basketball since I was 8 years of age until I graduated in 1970. Since I did not have a father, who passed when I was 7, coach Eimers evolved as a father figure to me. He was the reason I became a teacher and coach to follow his footsteps. God bless his family and may coach RIP. Gary

Gary Johnson - September 09, 2018 at 02:53 PM

LR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Eimers Family. Cherish the memories. He was a great teacher, coach, father, and person. Sincerely, Lisa (Bigler) Rupiper

Lisa Rupiper - September 09, 2018 at 01:01 PM

AJ

“ Very sad news. Great Father, Great Teacher, Great Coach! I have so many fond memories of Coach. His teaching made it possible for me to coach my own kid's scout baseball/softball teams effectively. My condolences, Dan & family. Allan (Kent) Jacobson

Allan K. Jacobson - September 09, 2018 at 12:50 PM

DU

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. I had him as a teacher at Greene. Missed him when he left there....he was a great teacher. Deb Uhlenhopp

Deb Uhlenhopp - September 09, 2018 at 09:23 AM

JA

“ *Rest In Peace, Mr. Eimers! A great man!*

Jeri Ascher - September 09, 2018 at 07:05 AM

LH

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family and friends.
Me. Eimers was a very respected teacher of mine with a very kind soul.
He was an inspiration to many
-Lori (Nikolas) Hildestad*

Lori (Nikolas) Hildestad - September 09, 2018 at 03:26 PM

SB

My heart goes out to the Eimers family. Yes, Jerry was a very good coach. But I only knew him as a great neighbor and friend to my mom and a very nice man. It was a blessing to be in the same neighborhood as the Eimers family.

Steve Bernhardt - September 10, 2018 at 12:11 PM