



Marvin "Marv" Diemer

May 30, 1924 - April 23, 2013

Marvin E. "Marv" Diemer (1924-2013)

CEDAR FALLS- Marvin E. "Marv" Diemer, 88, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

He was born May 30, 1924 in New Auburn, Minnesota, son of Herman and Marie Arndt Diemer. He married Lois Fullbright on September 18, 1954 in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: his wife, Lois; two sons, Mike of Florida, and David of California; one daughter, Lori (David) Ortley of Montana; four grandchildren: Ryan, Beth, Michael and Bailey.

Memorial Services: 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.

Mr. Diemer served in the United States Marines during WWII and earned his BA from Drake University in 1950. He was a public accountant until his retirement in 1978. He served in the Iowa Legislature as a state representative from 1978 to 1992. He was past President and longtime proud member of the Cedar Falls Rotary Club, instrumental in Rotary's initiative of the Tall Grass Prairie at East Lake; Nazareth Lutheran Church; AMVETS; and the American Legion.

Anyone who had had ever met Marv knew that his hand shake was as strong and true as his heart. Marv's extensive volunteer work served the community well. His favorite being the Rotary Prairie Park where he spent numerous hours enjoying the seasons as well as the battles with sweet clover and Chinese elm. His love of volunteering was matched by his passion for the New York Yankees.

Memorials may be directed to: Western Home, Nazareth Lutheran Church, Scholarships for Veterans (National) and Donations for Taylor Morris (Contact: donate@taylormorris.org -Veridian Credit Union – Cedar Heights Branch In Care Of: Taylor Morris Recovery Fund (Account # 6912820) 3621 Cedar Heights Dr. Cedar Falls, IA 50613)

Tribute Wall

OR

“ Dearest Lois and children,
I don't need to tell you how heavy my heart has been since we heard the news. We both commented about 3:00 on Tuesday in wonder, as to why Marv didn't stop by with the Rotary Meeting Agenda and have discussion of meeting which he does EVERY Tuesday without fail! I so much am going to miss his knocks on the door (like no one elses), his hand bump, and hearing "Well I'll stop again when I'm in town!" and his test for each visit "What did you have for lunch today?" as Marv had already read the menu before he came to the room. His visits of ATLEAST 3 times a week will deeply be missed for Otis.
Those times will truly leave a void in my day. Such a generous, caring, and good hearted man. There's not another "Marv Diemer", MD. He always claimed he could cure whatever I or anyone else had wrong with them, as he was an MD (his initials)! He had alot of fun with some vulnerable people that didn't know his jokes. Lois, kids, and grandchildren: You can be so proud that you had such a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He truly loved you with all he had. And I believe he even loved me, as I loved him. Sandi sees my hurting but also shares in that pain. She has enjoyed getting to know Marv for the past 5 1/2 years. Such an inspiring and devoted individual. They broke the mold when they created Marvin Diemer. Rest in peace and I will see you when I get there...meet me at the gate with the hand bump....

Otie

Otis Budlong & Sandi Renner - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ Dear Lois and Family,

My deepest sympathy to you all. I knew Marv from the time he first served in the Legislature, and we became friends when he would return to Cedar Falls and jog in the UNI Dome on noon hours. I can still hear him greeting me with "Hiya, gal!" Marv's initiative was behind revamping of Sturgis Park to bring in shade trees where the annual Cedar Basin Jazz Festival is held. Marv knew I was deeply involved in that event and kept me informed of all the progress. In 2009, I had the honor of presenting him with the Sertoma service organization's Service to Mankind award and learned so much more about Marv and you all. When Marv learned that I am from NJ and a die hard Yankee fan, he made certain I received all sorts of memorabilia including a first day cancel of Mickey Mantle stamp! As recently as last fall, Marv gave me current Yankee cards to pass along to my great nephews and their sons back in NJ. How excited they all were to receive them. My 7 year old great great nephew e-mailed me to be certain to tell Mr. Diemer how much they loved the cards! Indeed, I did pass the message along.

I am proud to have known Marv as a friend and grateful to him for all he contributed to our community.

*With deep sadness,
Judith Harrington*

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

DS

“Lois, Mike, David and Lori,
Marv was my best friend when we served in the Iowa House from 1979-82. We were both accountants in real life and Yankee fans. We shared many other common things in life and were in total agreement on most of them. Marv always introduced himself with a firm hand shake and “Marv Diemer – Cedar Falls – Home of the Dome”. We had many conversations about Lois, Mike, David and Lori. At times, he would ask me to write a note to one of them when he thought they might need a little support or pat on the back. He loved his family very much (Lois, Mike, David and Lori). Marv would drive back and forth on Monday nights to attend Church meetings (I believe he was the Treasurer). When in Cedar Falls, I stayed at the Diemer’s and we would attend church on Sunday. Over the years since 1982, Marv wrote me many personal notes and sent many newspaper articles about what he was doing. Memories of my friendship with Marv are treasures I will always carry with me. I will miss Marv.....

Doug Shull, friend

Doug Shull - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

CB

“Dear Lois and Family,

Cedar Falls is a much better place because of Marvelous Marv. We'll miss his smiling face, unwavering dedication, and consistent encouragement. Thank you.

Rest in peace, Dear Friend.

Cedar Falls Tourism and Visitors Bureau - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ You have my sincere thoughts on the loss of your father and family member. Take care.

Dennis May - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

JK

“ I worked for the CF Historical Society from 2004-2010. Marv was a constant presence, one that I enjoyed greatly. He was an outstanding board member and volunteer. He was smart, always happy to pitch in, and fun to be around. I was very fond of him. His handshake, of course was one you never forgot. His love of the Yankees, his love of the community. He used to enjoy teasing the wait staff during Rotary by requesting gin and tonics with his lunch. He was always working on one project or another. Farewell Marv, and thank you. Sorry I cannot attend the service this Saturday!

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

MS

“ I'm was sorry to hear of Marv's passing while I was out of the country. He was a great inspiration for all of us in Rotary, and we will miss him.

Mary Shepherd - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

MP

“ Lois,
I'm not sure if you remember me. I've thought of you and Marvin so fondly over the years and was sorry to hear of his passing. I wish you and your family peace and love.

Sincerely,
Marlane Diemer Parra

Marlane Parra - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ Dear Lois and family,
We heard recently of your husband's death; I send love and sympathy in your loss. Tho' we've had little contact since our CFHS days (so many already!), I do miss classmates. Marilyn (Seaver) keeps me in the loop, sending CF news, etc.
George remembers Marv years back via LSS, and in the legislature.
God's peace. Janet

Janet Westphal Hanusa - October 15, 2013 at 03:35 PM

BD

“ I met Marv when I started working for Dick Doerfer in August 1964. He did accounting work for Dick and was in the office often. Our stairs to the office (over the Coast-to-Coast hardware store -now VooDoo lounge)were a challenge and as we heard people climbing the steps we would try to guess who it was. Marv was one of the energetic ones. Since then, our paths crossed a number of times. When I sat next to him at Rotary two weeks ago, we talked about China. He said at the end of WWII, his marine outfit left the Philippines and went to Peking for a time. He described seeing the Great Wall of China. Marv exemplified the Rotary motto of “Service above self”. He made a difference.

Bob Diedrichs - April 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM