



Mort Fuller

January 16, 1937 - May 8, 2015

CEDAR FALLS – Maurice “Mort” Fuller, 78, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, May 8 at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

He was born January 16, 1937 in Bartlett, IA, son of Everett and Mildred (Hopkins) Fuller. He married LaVina Driskill on August 25, 1958 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

He graduated from Wales-Lincoln HS class of 55 in Wales, IA, earned a bachelors in education from Hastings College, Hastings, NE, and a masters from University of South Dakota in administration. Mort played basketball and baseball for Hastings College.

He worked as an elementary and junior high principal in numerous school districts in Wyoming and Iowa, retiring in 1994 from the Sheridan, WY school district. Mort was a member of the Story, WY Rotary, an elder at the First Baptist Church in Sheridan, WY and a member of Prairie Lakes Church, Cedar Falls.

Mort loved his wife, “Viney”, and they were rarely seen apart. His grandchildren brought him great fun and pride throughout the years, and he enjoyed all of their activities and accomplishments. He loved Jesus and the mission of Prairie Lakes Church where he served joyfully.

Survived by: his wife, three sons: Kevin (Karyn) of Franklin, TN, Douglas (Sandi) of Overland Park, KS and John (Kay) of Cedar Falls, a brother, Richard, three sisters, Sandra Rea, Karen Mellott, and Judy Thomas, grandchildren, Melissa (Tony) Czech, Lindsay, Brock, Jackson, Mackenzie, Allyson (Christopher) Latta, Shane (Brynn), and Karly (Ben) Fessler.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, Everett and Bruce.

Funeral Services: 10am Tuesday at Prairie Lakes Church in Cedar Falls, with visitation from 4-7 Monday at Richardson Funeral Service, and also one hour prior to the service at church. Inurnment at Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to Prairie Lakes Church college ministry.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church
1907 Viking Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-2655
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *My sincerest sympathy extends to you, dear LaVina, and your entire family. Of the eight principals I worked for throughout my career in education, Mort holds the position of my most favorite and admired. He always treated me with utmost respect, gave support and encouragement with honesty and compassion. Mort knew how to help students and teachers discover the best in themselves. He was a wonderful human being! I am saddened and sorry for your loss. May God's comfort help heal your grief and give you strength through this difficult time.*

My prayers are with you,

*Cassie Sundberg
Sheridan, WY*

Cassie Sundberg - May 29, 2015 at 01:50 PM

ED

“ *Mr. Fuller was my principal at Linden elementary school here in Sheridan Wyoming. I really enjoyed him. I also had his wife as my first grade teacher. You are well missed Mr. Fuller and the family has my thoughts and prayers. You are always in my heart.*

emilie Dau - May 20, 2015 at 05:53 PM

KL

“ *Lavina,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My parents also send their condolences.

Mort was my principal at Sheridan Junior High School. I will always remember his smiling face and warm greetings in the hallway each day. My family and I adored him both as a person and as an educator. He always kept track of my progress through school and college. In addition, I had the distinct honor of being hired by Mort for my 1st teaching job at Story Elementary School, teaching 5th grade. He literally launched my career in the education field by giving a teacher just out of college a chance to show what they could do for the field. I was not just an applicant, but I was a person he knew well from earlier years. I will always be grateful to Mort for believing in me. I just finished my 23rd year of teaching, and I still love every minute of the experience. Mort will be greatly missed, and I will never forget him both personally and professionally.

*Sincerely,
Kristie Long (Schuman)
Les and Shirley Schuman*

Kristie Long - May 19, 2015 at 07:41 PM

KP

“ *Fuller family,*

We were so very sorry to hear of Mort's passing. It was always a joy to see and visit with him during your time in Story. We are all thinking of you at this very sad time.

Story Garden Club

Karylyn Petrie - May 15, 2015 at 05:54 PM

BG

“ Dear Kevin. Doug & John,

My condolences to all of you, your mother and your families at this time for the loss of your father. I feel fortunate that I was able to meet your father and that he was able to work with my father while he was still working as an English teacher down at Central Junior High only if it was just for a short time Such a tremendous loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Take care and God Bless you all.

*Bill Graham
Birmingham, Alabama*

Bill Graham - May 14, 2015 at 06:56 PM

TR

“ *Oh my goodness, just sending love to you all~ each of you special to me with many memories. Mort so strong, yet seemed to always throw a smart comment out of nowhere with perfect timing. Healing does happen, just takes time...
LaVina, I could not love you more.
~Theresa Rice*

Theresa Rice - May 14, 2015 at 08:08 AM

SM

“ *Dear LaVina and family,
We were saddened to hear of Mort's passing. May you find comfort in the knowledge that his spirit lives on in the many lives touched by his kindness, humor and passion.
Sara and Jay McGinnis
Sheridan, Wyoming*

Sara McGinnis - May 13, 2015 at 11:25 PM

SM

“ Dear LaVina, Kevin, Doug, and John and families,

There are many cherished memories of the times we have spent together. Lots had to do with First Baptist of Sheridan, many had to do with the Sheridan Schools, and some even of the sports we all enjoyed. It is always amazing to see a glimpse of just how Great a God we have who has known us and cared about us from before the foundation of the Universe.

Mort opened my eyes to the possibilities of God using me as both an educator and a coach. That opportunity of creating life long learners who would impact our world as both students and athletes is something I credit to Mort.

Our Prayers and Thoughts are with you and your families,

Stephen and Brooke Moose

Stephen Moose - May 13, 2015 at 10:12 PM

BS

“ Dear LaVina, Kevin, Doug and John,
I am so sorry for your tremendous loss! Mort was a wonderful husband, father, and leader in all of our lives and countless others. His life's work and heart can be seen in all of our work in helping to make others' lives better.

*Take care and God bless,
Bob Simpson*

Bob Simpson - May 13, 2015 at 08:11 PM

KM

“ *Our sympathy and prayers, LaVina. I will always remember Mort as one of the best in SCSD 2. Craig and Karen Maris*

Karen Maris - May 13, 2015 at 07:47 PM

LA

“ Our deepest sympathy to LaVina and the family. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.

Bill and Lenora Aksamit

Lenora Aksamit - May 13, 2015 at 06:13 PM

MC

“ Mort was such a central part of our family for my entire life. I loved that he called me "Marker" when he saw me. He was an example to so many of what a strong yet kind man should be. I enjoyed watching him create his ideal home in Story, WY. That place will always hold a special spot in every family member's memory. Above all, he loved his God, his "Viney", and the rest of his family so faithfully.

Cousin Mark Carroll, Texas

Mark Carroll - May 13, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JA

“ Thinking of you all and sending our love, our thoughts and our prayers. We know Mort touched a lot of lives and he will be greatly missed. We love you guys!

Curly, Janice, Christian & Katelynn, Corey & Lindsey, and Collin

Janice Albrecht - May 12, 2015 at 07:28 AM

TH

“ *As my principal: Mr. Fuller
As the Dad to my friends Kevin, Doug, and John: Mort
As my mentor: a role model of a great leader, teacher, father,
husband, friend...*

*What great memories I have with the Fullers in Sloan! Absolutely
great memories. :) Rest in peace, Mort. I'll see you some
day....and we 'll catch up... Love and peace to all the Fuller family.*

Terry and Kristi Haindfield - May 11, 2015 at 09:12 PM

HL

“ *Harvey and Marlene Lehman purchased the Enc
hanted Cottage for the family of Mort Fuller.*



Harvey and Marlene Lehman - May 11, 2015 at 03:32 PM

HL

“ *I always had the best seat in the house as I would watch Mr. Wales
do his magic... like dribbling the full length of the court with all the
Henderson players trying to stop him and then Mort would score
with 2-4 seconds left on the clock to win the game!!!
There is also the time I made 25 straight free throws at practice and
somebody said that it was most likely the record. Mort walked to the
free throw line, looked at me and then made 30 something and gave
me that great grin!! We loved you man.
Harvey Lehman*

Harvey Lehman - May 11, 2015 at 02:18 PM

PT

“ You are in our prayers, John and Kay, along with the rest of the family. It is hard to lose a loved one, but oh so comforting to know he is with Jesus, and you get to live with your dad FOREVER!!

From Dick and Pat Turner (parents of Ari Henderson)

Pat Turner - May 11, 2015 at 01:16 PM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for your loss.

Jayne Kemmerer

Jayne Kemmerer - May 11, 2015 at 12:42 PM

WL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time. God keeps His promise and as Christians we believe He has a Plan for each one of us. Even when our earthly bodies fail we know that because of Jesus Christ we will never die but we will be alive forever in eternity with Him. What a Glorious celebration that will be!

Wanda Lester - May 11, 2015 at 12:07 PM

BT

“ LaVina, John, Kay, Chris, Ally, Shane, Bryn, Karly, Ben & family, please know you have our deepest sympathies. May God grant you the peace, comfort and patience only He can bring during this difficult time. Hugs & prayers --Andrew Nordstrom & Brooke Trent

Brooke Trent - May 11, 2015 at 11:59 AM

PG

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. May the words quoted from this song bring you a measure of comfort as it did for us.
"If a man or woman should die, can they live again?
Hear the promise God has made:
He will call; The dead will answer.
They shall live at his command.
For he will have a longing
For the work of his own hand.
So have faith, and do not wonder,
For our God can make us stand.
And we shall live forever,
As the work of his own hand "(Job 14:13-15

Peggy Gienau - May 11, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mort Fuller.



May 11, 2015 at 10:51 AM

DF

“ Derek, Wendi, Raleigh and Kennedy Fuller purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mort Fuller.



Derek, Wendi, Raleigh and Kennedy Fuller - May 11, 2015 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ *The friends of family of Mort are in our thoughts and prayers. Praying for strength and courage as you go through the next few days, weeks and months.*

Jeff and Christina Blake - May 11, 2015 at 08:54 AM

MK

“ *We have been Praying and thinking of you all in your time of sorrow.*
Melanie and Rodger Smith



Melanie Klemz-Smith - May 11, 2015 at 07:32 AM

DR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mort was such a great influence on me as I started my career as an educator. Mort, Lavina, Kevin, Doug and John were such great neighbors in Sloan and such great hosts when we visited in Wyoming. Our sympathies to the family.*
Dale and Bobbie Ruehling

Dale Ruehling - May 10, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mort Fuller.*



May 10, 2015 at 05:11 PM

JH

“ *Such a wonderful, sincere, and loving man. He left a beautiful legacy behind. Was a joy to talk with him and see his genuine heart for God. We are so very sorry for your loss. Lots of love and prayers from our family to yours.*

Love, Eric and Jeana Hurst

Jeana Hurst - May 10, 2015 at 03:36 PM

EB

“ *On behalf of the Wales-Lincoln Alumni Association, we want to express our grief for the loss of, perhaps, our most iconic alumnus. And while many of our alumni would like to relate to his character, his class, his stature and his achievements, few can - Mort was truly one of a kind. He never lost his feelings nor his emotions when recalling memories of Wales-Lincoln school days. He was such an integral part of our annual banquet that it seems hollow to say that 'he will be missed', but he will be. Our condolences to the Fuller Family.*

Eddie "Bud" Barnett

Eddie Barnett - May 10, 2015 at 03:09 PM

CA

“ *Mort was one of the nicest, kindest men I have ever known in my life. It was a privilege to have been a part of his life starting with being the flower girl in his and my beautiful cousin LaVina's wedding. I know that everyone who ever met him was touched by his magic. I love you. Catherine Carroll Kiaie*

Catherine - May 10, 2015 at 03:03 PM

SS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss and hope you realize the positive impact he had on so many young lives. Many great memories of the Fuller Family... from attending church and school together. Allan Shattuck & Sandy Miltenberger Shattuck

Sandy Shattuck - May 10, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mort Fuller.



May 10, 2015 at 08:22 AM

VE

“ We had such a wonderful time at your home in Wyoming. Ron enjoyed playing golf with you. Your hospitality was outstanding and we appreciated so much our visit with you. We had some nice visits around our table and yours. A great man who loved God and family. We will miss you.
Ron and Velda

Velda - May 09, 2015 at 10:19 PM