



## Robert Claus

July 19, 1928 - March 2, 2012

Dr. Robert Eugene Claus, 83, of Cedar Falls, Iowa passed away peacefully Friday, March 2, 2012 at Buchanan County Health Center Long-term care unit, Independence, Iowa after a brief illness.

Born in Toledo, Ohio on July 19, 1928 to Harold Adam and Garnett Agnes (Davis) Claus, the family moved to Clinton, Iowa in April 1940. He married Beverly Jeannine Purvis on November 28, 1958 in Iowa City, Iowa. She preceded him in death on June 8, 1997. Bob is survived by his many friends and relatives.

He graduated from Clinton High School in 1946, and from Iowa State Teachers College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. He worked for Clinton Broadcasting and Curtis Companies before enlisting in the US Army in 1952. He served tours of duty in Japan and Korea and was awarded the Combat Infantry badge while stationed with the 40th Infantry Division during the Korean War.

Professor Claus earned his Masters Degree and PhD from the University of Iowa. He returned to the University of Northern Iowa (then State College of Iowa, and formerly Iowa State Teachers College) where he joined the faculty and taught in the Sociology Department for 37 years, retiring in 1992.

Dr. Claus was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling, loved cars, and being near the water. He enjoyed people very much, and had a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all those who know him.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. A service to celebrate Dr. Claus' life will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Mark Eggleston officiating. Interment will be at the Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Full military honors will be provided by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 and the Iowa Army National Guard. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice, Cedar Bend Humane Society or the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

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“*Dr. Claus was my favorite professor at UNI. The last semester of my senior year I took four classes from him. They were all in a row, starting at 8am, an hour a piece, and were on Monday-Wednesday-Friday. He asked me why, and I said I wanted to graduate at semester. He then told me that all his finals were written exams. I didn't think much of it until finals week. Back in 1980 we actually had to hand write them. I still think to this day he showed me empathy on the last one. I could only get about half of it done in the allowed time because my hand was so tired. He passed me anyway. A great teacher, and his classes were always interesting. My condolences to the family.*”

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