



William Jochumsen

June 7, 1920 - February 11, 2012

William T. "Mr. J" Jochumsen (1920-2012)

CEDAR FALLS- William T. "Mr. J" Jochumsen, 91, of Cedar Falls died Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Western Home Communities Elizabeth E. Martin Health Center.

He was born June 7, 1920 in Fayette County, Iowa, son of Axel W. and Gertrude M. (Hersey) Jochumsen.

He served in the US Army during WWII and earned a BA in Music in 1942 and MA in Administration in 1958 from the University of Northern Iowa. He was employed with Greenfield Community Schools as Band Director for 10 years and Elementary Principal for 27 years, retiring in 1983. In retirement, he volunteered at Greenfield Schools, Lincoln Elementary, CF Library, Sartori, Salvation Army, Western Home Communities, Lutheran Home, CFCT, CF Historical Society, and Community Meals. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: a niece, Pamela (Chuck) Chrisman of Ojai, CA.

Preceded in death by: two sisters, Wilma Mae "Billie" Brewster and Dorothy L. Muir.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls with burial in Oakhill Cemetery, Parkersburg. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the church or Lincoln Elementary School.

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ As a substitute teacher at Lincoln School I had the frequent privilege of seeing Mr. J. take students from the rooms to work with them, always willing to help them in any way he could. As a daughter of a Western Home resident I know he encouraged many people by sharing jokes & stories. He truly spread the love of Jesus to others in all that he did!

Alice Janssen - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CC

“ Just read in the Des Moines Register of Mr. J's passing. We spoke earlier this week we wondered if something had changed because we didn't hear from him at Christmas. Carl was in his band when he came to Greenfield as a young teacher and we interacted with him in many meaningful and very special years as the years passed by. We are so appreciative of the many ways he enriched our lives. Our associations were relationships valued.

Carl and Judy Carlson - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CS

“ Mr. J was my elementary principal and I never once remember him with anything other than a bright smile and lots of cheer. He saved me from a very upset teacher one time ;o) - he was very fair and kind. They don't make school officials like him anymore. A great guy with a big heart. He will be missed.

Cristie Sullivan - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

AS

“ *Mr J was such an special person! Two of our children were fortunate enough to have math time with him at Lincoln. He will be deeply missed. God Bless you, Mr J!*

Alana Sankey - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

PC

“ *We are sorry to hear of Mr. J's passing. We remember him fondly as our elementary principal in Greenfield, IA. He was an energetic and caring man. We kids loved him!*

Phil and Cheryl (Stowell) Cannon - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

PJ

“ *We all remember favorite teachers, and Mr. Jochumsen was one of mine. In the 1950's I was in high school. I had Mr. Jochumsen (he wasn't Mr. J. to us then) in band, the science classroom, yearbook adviser, and church choir. I remember him drilling the marching band on the proper way to make military turns. We did well in marching band contests as a result! He was the elementary principal for my children. He was a very special man in our community!*

Patsy Johnston - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JH

“ *. . . will miss / did miss Bill's annual Christmas card/newsletter . . . as a school teacher/advisor, neighbor, fellow church parishioner for 40 years +/- Bill played a large role in my life and that of family and community at large . . . he never took on a project that he didn't perform at 100% or more!*

Jay Howe - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

BM

“ Long time family friends Ann (Power) Macumber and Bob Macumber

Bob Macumber - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DG

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Jochumsen. It was great working with him on the Greenfield High School annual. He was a great leader of our H-Y program and tried his best to help all students. One of those persons the world will find hard to replace.

Douglas Glaspell - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CO

“ Mr. J was a fine example of a Christian man. He was principle of the Greenfield Elementary school while I was going through school. He was a kind, gentle man and it seemed every child loved him. Yet, he could "lay down the law" when needed! As my older children began school in the same school system, he was a big help to me as a parent. I had him as a Sunday School teacher when I was in highschool. He was very active in the Methodist church in Greenfield and in the community. I have many good memories of Mr. J. He will be missed by many.

Colleen Oxley - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM