



William Dreier

May 19, 1918 - November 22, 2006

Dr. William H. Dreier (1918-2006)

CEDAR FALLS ? Dr. William H. Dreier, 88, of Western Home Communities Windhaven, formerly of 2604 College St., died Wednesday, Nov. 22, at home of congestive heart failure.

He was born May 19, 1918, in Detroit, son of William H. and Ruth Ritner Dreier. He married Mary Ellen Shanafelt April 13, 1942, in Sigourney.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in the European Theater, and received his bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University, Ames, and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota. Mr. Dreier was employed by the University of Northern Iowa as an instructor from 1949 until retiring as professor of education in 1985.

He was past president of the National Rural Education Association and first chairperson for elementary schools of the North Central Association of Schools. He was a speaker and authored several publications on one-room country schools, was a senior member of the Archturus Club, charter member of Valley View Baptist Church and served many years as church moderator, and for eight years had been a member of the general board of American Baptist Churches USA.

Survived by: his wife; three sons, Dan of Eugene, Ore., Ted (Christine) of Portland, Ore., and James (LeAnne) of Iowa City; two daughters, Ruth Dreier of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and Ritta Dreier (Rocky Siglow) of Eugene; 10 grandchildren, Hannah Clotere, James, Casey, Daniel and Derek Dreier, Ariella Sutton, Carrie Siglow, Virginia Dreier, Thomas Dreier and Royce Siglow; a great-grandson, Jordan Dreier; and a sister, Lucille Duitscher of Ames.

Preceded in death by: a daughter, Marian Carol, in infancy; two brothers, Robert and Walter; and a sister, Elizabeth Henning.

Memorial services: 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Valley View Baptist Church, with inurnment in Point Pleasant Cemetery, Hubbard, at a later date. There will be no visitation; his body was donated to the University of Iowa Department of Anatomy. Richardson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials: may be directed to the church or UNI Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen,
We were saddened to hear of Bill's passing and we know he will be missed. Know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time.
Blessings,
Dick and Bev Michael*

March 29, 2013 at 02:53 PM



“ *To The Family-I was a graduate student under Bill's supervision from 1967-1970. Bill was a great teacher that inspired me to be more like he was. He was always positive and built my confidence while guiding my learning. He became a friend as well as a mentor. I have just retired from a 41 year career in education. I have always given Bill credit in contributing to my success. Our thoughts are with the family. Larry and Jean Klein-Vernal,UT*

December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ritta,
To let you and your family know that thoughts of sympathy are with you. I have very fond memories of your family, and of times together at your house on College Street when we were growing up. Peace to you all. Tammy*

November 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies. I assisted Professor Dreier for many years in his research in the UNI Library. I always enjoyed working with him, because his research was so interesting. I always believed that I was the one who learned when we talked or pursued some inquiry. I also valued his Christian outlook on life. I will miss him.*

November 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *I noticed the obit in today's Des Moines Register. It brought back memories (as Ted's classmate) of the good spirit and fun and hospitality of Bill and Mary Ellen and all of you there on College St. My family and I admire Bill and your family, and we send best wishes. -- Bram*

November 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mary Ellen,*

We are thinking of you during this time. May God's love and strength comfort you.

God Bless,

Kevin and Amy Truax

November 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Mary Ellen and the family:*

Please accept our deepest sympathy and love at this most difficult time in your lives. Bill was a precious man to me. I looked up to him tremendously. He was a mentor to me. Deb and I shall cherish the memories, and we look forward to enjoying InterFaith with Bill in Heaven. May God bless you and cradle you all in His arms

*Love,
Pastor John and Deb Sheda
Living Water Church
Independence, Iowa*

November 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ritta, I was so saddened to hear about the death of your father. Please know that you are in Karen's and my thoughts and prayers during this time. God Bless.*

Cal & Karen

November 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM