

OBITUARIES

W. Richard Deets

Worth Richard "Dick" Deets, age 73, of Orange City, IA, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family on Monday, Dec. 7, 2009.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a.m., at the American Reformed Church in Orange City. The Rev. Keith Krebs officiated. Interment was in the West Lawn Cemetery in Orange City. Visitation was after 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Oolman Funeral Home in Orange City.

Dick was born in Winterset, IA, on June 18, 1936, to Worth H. and Mildred (Young) Deets. His family farmed 160 acres outside of Winterset. They moved to Earlham, IA, where they lived for several years before moving to Des Moines, IA, where he graduated from North High School. He was a member of the Iowa Air National Guard between 1954 and 1962, serving as a Pharmacy Specialist. Dick attended Drake University in Des Moines and graduated in 1959 with a degree in pharmacy. While at Drake, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, where his fraternity brother introduced him to his future wife, Ellene Guse.

They were married on Aug. 29, 1959, and moved to Orange City in 1961. Shortly after moving to Orange City, they purchased the Village Drug. Many will remember Dick as the pharmacist there for over 30 years. After selling the store in the mid 1990s, Dick spent the next 15 years working at Family Pharmacy in LeMars, as well as Valley Pharmacy and Pember Drug in Rock Valley.

In 2003, Dick was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. He moved to Happy Sista Nursing Home in Remsen, IA, on Dec. 29, 2008. On Dec. 2, 2009, he returned home.

Dick was a member of the American Reformed Church, serving the church as Building Fund Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, and Elder. One of Dick's special gifts was in ministering to those in need. He delivered church bulletins to shut-ins, providing companionship and listening to their concerns. He was a faithful Chancel Choir member for over three decades.

He served the citizens of Orange City as a member of the Chamber of Commerce for over 45 years. He was also a charter member of the Orange City Jaycees, where one of the biggest tasks he undertook was the county-wide polio clinic. He was honored as the

Jaycee of the Month for January, 1968. He was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for 22 years and was a Northwestern College Booster Club member, both in Orange City. He enjoyed golfing and was a member at the Landsmeer Golf Club in Orange City. Dick loved to sing and for a number of years he sang bass in Meester Zankoor, a Master of Song Chorus.

As a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Iowa Pharmacist Association, Dick served on various committees and was a member of the House of Delegates. He represented the Iowa Pharmacist Association at many national conventions. For two terms he also served on the Board of Trustees.

In the 1990s, his journey of faith lead him to attend Promise Keepers for several years. As a result of this experience, a number of men from the American Reformed Church started a Thursday night prayer group, that he attended faithfully.

Dick loved spending time with his family and celebrated 50 years of marriage on Aug. 29 of this year. He also enjoyed playing golf, bowling, photography, and tinkering around the house and at his rental properties. Some might remember that Dick earned his pilot's license and loved flying.

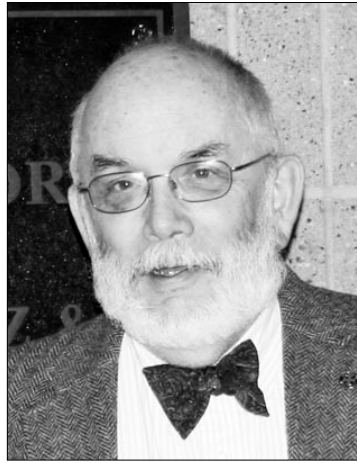
Grateful to have shared Dick's life are his wife, Ellene; his brother, William (Jackie) Deets of Perry, IA; and his five daughters, Pam Deets of North Sioux City, Jennifer (Brian) Steele of Vermillion, Valerie (David) Pace of Ocean Springs, MS, Erica (Robert) McAlpine of Hull, IA, and Belinda Deets (Shane Jones) of Westfield, IA. He will also be missed by his 10 grandchildren, Ryan and Eddie Deets, Tyler and Aaron Steele, Rachel and Sarah Pace, Whitney, Kyle, and Austin McAlpine, and Noah Jones.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and many special aunts and uncles.

The family wishes to thank Conrad Harthorn, Jay DeJong, and Robin Miskimins for many acts of kindness, the Orange City Area Home Health and Hospice for their loving care, and the Memory Loss Support Group.

Memorials may be directed to the Orange City Area Home Health and Hospice, the Senior Companion program, or the special music fund at the American Reformed Church.

You may express your sympathy at www.oolman.com.



John F. Hagemann

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John F. Hagemann, 70, a remarkable man by all accounts, died Dec. 13, 2009 at his home in Vermillion. John was born Feb. 12, 1939 to Roland and Olive Wills Hagemann in Fort Atkinson, WI.

He received his bachelor of arts in classical languages from Lawrence College (now Lawrence University) in 1961. He taught Latin, English and Greek in the Rich Township High School District in suburban Chicago until 1965.

He married Barbara Howie (Campbell) on Nov. 28, 1964 in Oak Park, IL. John enrolled in the University of Wisconsin School of Law in the fall of 1965 and received his J.D. in May 1968. He married Sharyn Davidson on Dec. 31, 1977 at First United Methodist Church in Vermillion.

Upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin Law School, he joined the USD law faculty as librarian where, under his guidance, the McKusick Law Library became a respected research resource for students, the legal profession and the public. Generations of lawyers remember that this had less to do with the fact of a well-run library, and a great deal more to do with the personal involvement of this man, his intelligent enthusiasm, lively personality and intellect.

As his work at USD developed, however, the law library was just one part of a continuous contribution to the university and to the life of the law in South Dakota. A considerable knowledge of literature and classical languages, combined with a love of books and reading, deepened his scholarship and teaching, which covered a remarkable breadth of topics and led to his receipt of the Jackson Award for Teaching Excellence. He served the law school within the university and the legal profession in uncountable roles, including commissioner of the State Bar of South Dakota.

Beyond his teaching, schol-

arship and service are the special relationships he developed with students across four decades. To them he offered friendship, steady counsel, good humor, and a personal interest which endured beyond graduation. In this role he added an invaluable substance to legal education which cannot be described in a catalog or quantified by conventional measure, but without which law school education at USD would have been so much less than it has been.

John's passion for research led to the establishment of what is now the Hagemann Center for Legal and Policy Research at the USD School of Law. The Hagemann Center places particular focus on researching the impact and interrelationships of laws and legal practices of interest to South Dakota.

Outside of his roles in the academic and legal communities, John was a baseball enthusiast and die-hard Cubs fan. He often planned his vacations around baseball schedules from the major leagues to the farm teams and organized several trips to Chicago with fellow Cubs fans to take in the opening day game.

Believing that one's learning is never complete, John pursued many interests including a Benedictine study and prayer group and becoming an oblate in the Benedictine Order. When traveling, he often took what he referred to as "the scenic route" on long-forgotten back roads across the country. Since his retirement from the law school in April, he enjoyed reading, visiting family and friends, and fine tuning the art of napping.

John is survived by his wife, Sharyn; his daughter and son-in-law, Gretchen and Doug Nichols; two grandchildren, Chloe and Garrett Nichols; three step-children and their spouses, Andrew and Maria Hoffman; Kate and Brian Gollseiner; and David and Louise Hoffman; three step-grandchildren, Amy, Sara and Laura Hoffman and William and Jack Gollseiner; and a loving partner, Virginia Koster.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Muenster University Center on the USD campus.

Memorials may be sent to the University of South Dakota Foundation, P.O. Box 5555, Vermillion, SD 57069 with a note indicating the gift is in honor of John Hagemann.

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Johnson said, her sons stored the house in a shed on the family farm. It got rather dirty while in storage, but the staff at the W.H. Over Museum have been able to restore it to its original luster.

The structure itself remains sound. Everything one sees when viewing the dollhouse, except for a few tiny items, like rugs, are original. It simply needed a good cleaning before being put back on display.

"There's enough hot glue in this little building to withstand a hurricane," Johnson said, laughing. "It will never blow away. We just cleaned it up and refurbished it."

The W.H. Museum obtained the dollhouse in early November.

"We discussed what we wanted to do with it," Gene Iverson, a member of the W.H. Over Museum board, said. "We planned it out first, and once we got going on the project it really didn't take long to get the work done."

"I knew this house when Kay had it, and she would decorate it every holiday," Johnson said. "You can still see the nail holes from the lights she would put on it. I'm just elated that the house hadn't been thrown away and that we did get to have it. I am very happy about that."

Kay and her husband Russ were long-time Vermillion residents. She worked as a registered nurse.

"She was very Norwegian, very creative, all of the little carvings that you see with the house are hers; she did a lot of fine wood carving. She even wrote a little poem about this house - she really liked it," Johnson said.

Some people may at first get the impression that Kay may have built the dollhouse as a source of pleasure for children in the family.

This small-scaled, very detailed structure, however, served as a way for her to express her creativity and craftsmanship. Everything about the house, from the windows that open and close, to the tiny shingles that cover the roof, demonstrate that Kay was a stickler for detail.

"I don't think a child ever played with it," Johnson said. In fact, it likely would have been difficult for a youngster to reach the miniature structure. Kay uniquely displayed the dollhouse in her kitchen by hanging it from the ceiling.

"She had a pulley system, and hooks in the dollhouse that would allow her to lower

it and then decorate it or make additions to the furnishings," Iverson said.

"This was an ongoing project," Johnson said. "I know that she didn't just build this and then was done with it. It was always an ongoing project for her. If you look closely, you can see tiny candleholders on the walls, and even tiny pictures on the walls. I think the pictures are of her family, but they are so little, you can't tell for sure."

The house includes a kitchen, a formal dining room, a sitting room, a bathroom, and two bedrooms.

One room on the main floor of the house, Johnson believes, is designed to be a sunroom. With the holidays approaching, the museum staff decided to transform it into a Christmas room.

"When Maxine first brought it in and showed it to us, it was awfully dusty," Iverson said. "So, I sat for about a week or two before we even dared to touch it. But little by little, we let Maxine take it apart, and measured it, and we decided that we wanted to display it, and have it so that kids would be able to look at it, but we know youngsters would be tempted to touch things and move things, and get their fingers on it."

The museum solved that problem by enclosing the house in clear plastic. It rests on a display case built by Iverson that includes casters, making it possible for any member of the museum staff to move the dollhouse to any part of the museum.

"The house is incredible," Iverson said. "It even includes casement windows that you can move up and down."

Johnson is astounded by the sturdy nature of the house, which is approximately 50 years old.

"My daughter had a metal dollhouse, and they're no fun at all, because nothing stands up on the floors, and they bend," she said. "I never had a dollhouse of my own, and I always wanted one, and I was really taken by this."

"This would be a fun dollhouse to have if you are a little girl. You could really, really have good times with it. The doors all open. The windows all open and close. It's just fantastic," she said.



Roger Hauge

Roger Dean Hauge

Roger Dean Hauge, 63, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at Wheaton Franciscan All Saints Medical Center in Racine, WI.

Roger was born in Howard on Jan. 31, 1946 to the late George and Agnes (nee: Dale) Hauge. While attending University of South Dakota, he met the love of his life, Jeanette L. (nee: Jepsen). They were married on Sept. 23, 1967 at the Danish Lutheran Church in Gayville, before moving to Racine. Shortly after, Roger was drafted into the United States Army to serve his country in the Vietnam War. Roger was a member of Belleview

Lutheran Church in Howard and Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Racine.

Surviving are his loving wife, Jeanette; daughter, Angie (Ronnie) Bowen; son, Todd Hauge; granddaughters, Breana, Savannah and Hailey Bowen; sister, Ardis (Eldon) Sneesby; brother, George (Sharon) Hauge; mother-in-law, Darlene Jepsen; sisters-in-law, Diane (Luvern) Sorensen, Joan (Ron) Hout and Cheryl Peterson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, Roger was preceded in death by his brother, Merle Hauge.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 in Racine. Interment was in Belleview Cemetery in Howard on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m.

Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home & Crematory, Racine, WI, was in charge of arrangements.

Granaas performs with concert choir

The University of Minnesota, Morris Concert Choir performed "A Carol Concert with Charlie Brown" at the Morris Area Schools Concert Hall Dec. 5-6. Amanda Granaas, Vermillion, is a member of the concert choir.

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