



Fred J. Rohde

October 18, 1923 - January 18, 2015

Fred J. Rohde of Alexandria, MN died on January 18, 2015. Funeral services will be held at Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria at 10:00 AM on January 23, 2015 with Reverend Mark Astrup officiating. A burial service will be held at 10:30 AM on January 24, 2015 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, in Marshalltown, IA. Memorials in Fred's name may be sent to American Heart Association, Catch a Special Thrill (C.A.S.T.), a foundation dedicated to taking kids and returning warriors fishing, and Pheasants Forever.

Fred was born on October 18th, 1923 in Marshalltown, IA. He was the 3rd child of Fred H. and Emma (Rubenbauer) Rohde. After graduating from Marshalltown Senior High in 1941, he served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946. Fred married Lois L. Temple of Johnston, IA, a Kindergarten Teacher in Marshalltown, on April 6th, 1947. They were married for over 64 years. Fred received his BSE from Upper Iowa University, an MSE from Drake University, and a PhD from Iowa State University.

He was a teacher in Beaman and Guttenberg, a Junior High Principal in Earlham, Adel, Nevada, and school Superintendent in the Green Mountain and Ballard School Districts in Iowa before moving to White Bear Lake, MN in 1965. He served as their first Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education. In 1977 he moved to NW MN to start up an Educational Cooperative Service Unit for the 55 school districts in that 13-county area. He

remained in this position until his retirement in 1989 – serving 41 years in K-12 public education.

At his retirement party in 1989, he was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commissioner of Education for Minnesota, Ruth Randall, which stated, “Fred Rohde has provided 41 years of dedicated services to learners and is hereby awarded this Certificate of Appreciation for contributions for education in the state of Minnesota”. He also received a Certificate of Commendation from Governor Rudy Perpich, “ In recognition of his contributions to education change, individual learning systems, team teaching, flexible scheduling, and performance curriculum, and in acknowledgment of his 41 years of work with the NW ECSU, the Kettering Foundation, White Bear Lake School District, and eight Iowa School Districts, and in the honor of his commitment to improve education for the benefit of all students; I hereby commend and congratulate Fred Rohde for a job exceptionally well done”. From the inception of his career as junior high principal serving multiple schools in Iowa and into his retirement, he was involved in educational changes.

In 1989, Fred and Lois moved for their last time to Alexandria MN to their lake lot on Brophy Lake, and built their home. The home on the lake was a gathering point for many family events. Fred and Lois were the happiest when every bed, sofa, and floor space was occupied by family. Fred became a volunteer in the AARP’s 55 Alive Driver Safety program and served as an instructor and later an Assistant State Coordinator. He also served on his church’s weekly offering audit committee for 13 years until he had to resign to become a full-time caregiver to Lois.

His life centered on his family, education, gardening, hunting, and fishing – especially introducing his grandchildren to hunting and fishing. He is survived by his son Fred C. (Fritz) of Wilmington NC, son Stephen (Steve) and wife

Pamela of St. Paul and St. Petersburg FL, and his daughter Kelley and husband Scott Lerud of Waubun MN. Grandchildren: Bill (Darlene) Ellis of Dassel, MN, David (Jessica) Walker of Dixon IL, Cameron (Mark) Kunesh of Warren ME, Jennifer Kaltenbach of Wilmington, NC, Nate and Carlos Rohde of St. Paul, MN, Josh (Ashley) Lerud of Mahanomen MN, Nick (Justine) Lerud and Sam (Cassidy) Lerud of Moorhead MN, Natalie (Darius) Lerud of Waubun MN, great grandchildren (Jordan, Tyler, Mark, Johnny, Paige, Hallie, Emma, Julia, Alexis, Emelia, Peyton, Mackenzie, Landon, and Trynity), and great-great grandsons (Oliver and Oden), sister Velma Gunderson of Marshalltown, IA (Steve, Greg and Riki), sister Arlene (Delmar) Ford of Brooklyn IA (Larry, Loren, Hank, and Susie), sister-in-law Ronda Rohde of Englewood FL (Mark, Tim, and Melissa), and many great-nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lois, daughter Peggy, grandson Chad, sister Evelyn and Eleanor, brother Leroy, niece Annie, and great-grandson Skyler Rohde.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

611 North Center Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
659 Voyager Drive NW
Alexandria, MN 56308
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<https://www.andersonfuneral.net/>

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Tribute Wall

RO

“ Dr. Rohde was instrumental in my staying in education as I first met him as an adjunct teacher at St. Cloud State University. I became a school superintendent because of Dr. Rohde and Dr. Mert Johnson. Dr. Rohde, through me and many others, reached hundreds, maybe thousands of students and made their lives much better. It was just last week that I thought of calling Dr. Rohde,. I should have. We will all miss him, however, we have the knowledge that he made life so much better for so many people.

My thanks to his family for sharing this wonderful man with the rest of us.

Blessings to all of you!

Bob Olson

Robert T. Olson - January 22, 2015 at 04:49 PM

MJ

“ Kelley and family - I am so sorry to hear this news but I also know what comfort and love you have all around you. Fred (and Lois) were like a second set of parents for me growing up. I still remember Fred catching and filleting fish for us and paying us 5 cents for every bone we found at the dinner table. I think I maybe made a dime over the years. He was a wonderful person and I am privileged to have had him in my life.

Mary Jo Abler

Mary Jo - January 22, 2015 at 11:59 AM

ML

“ I was a student at Green Mountain High School when Fred was the superintendent. He set a high standard of education for us. It is said that knowledge is a torch that must be passed on to light the world. Fred certainly did his share. - Michael C. 'Mick' Lynk, Tampa, FL.

Michael C. 'Mick' Lynk - January 22, 2015 at 11:09 AM

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“ *"The Ablers" - Margaret, Marj, Mary Jo, and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Fred J. Rohde.*



"The Ablers" - Margaret, Marj, Mary Jo, and family - January 21, 2015 at 08:20 PM

MS

“ I have held dear memories of Fred Rohde for nearly 50 years. With Kelley as our best friend, the Rohde's were like a second family for my sister and me.

When we were about 10 years old, Fred let Kelley, Mary Jo and me turn one of his basement rooms into our 'Flag Club' where we painted the walls with red, white and blue flags and peace signs. Around that time, Fred let us play in the driveway in his parked Corvair while we pretended to drive. Fred oversaw our backyard camp outs making sure we were safe.

I recall when Fred served his tasty fried walleye, he would give us a nickel if we found a bone (which might have happened one time). Later in life, it was a treat to visit Fred and Lois at their home in Alexandria, where he would serve his famous walleye (still no bones!).

I am blessed to have known Fred. I am sorry I cannot attend the services. My deepest condolences to the Rohde family, and I hope it is a comfort to you that Fred is now reunited with Lois.

With Love and Prayers,

Marj (Margie Abler) Schmit

Marjorie Schmit - January 20, 2015 at 07:34 PM