



George Burggraff

February 25, 1926 - November 10, 2007

George was born Feb. 25, 1926 in Cloquet. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II after which he began a 30-year career as a social studies teacher in the Onamia school district in 1956. During his tenure at Onamia High, he served as track and cross-country coach and later became the school's athletic director until retiring in 1986. In recognition of his many years of service to the school, the OHS football field was named in his honor. George was active in the Onamia community as a member of Holy Cross Church and the Onamia city council. He was an honorary member of the Crosier Alumni Association and held a variety of positions within the Minnesota state high school league at both the conference and district levels. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing cards and watching sports of all kinds, especially the Minnesota Twins. Most of all, George loved spending time with his family and delighted in and cherished the may traditional get-togethers. George is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Doris (Bodie); daughters Connie (Gary) Westeen of Woodbury, Linda (John) Mielke of Inver Grove Heights and Kathryn (Jon) Anderson of Minneapolis; grandchildren Leslee (Steven) Johns, Erik Westeen, Melissa Mielke, Brady Mielke, Carly Anderson and Elena Anderson; nephews George A. and Harold Michael Burgraff. He was preceded in death by parents George M. and Clara Burggraff; brother and sister-in-law Harold and Kay Burgraff and nephew James Burgraff.

Tribute Wall



“ George Burggraff

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ My sympathy goes out to all of you who knew and loved George. I did not know him, but I know Connie and she is an inspiration to me. I look up to her and I can tell that she has wonderful parents and George will be sadly missed. Luci Dombrowski

November 18, 2007 at 02:10 PM



“ Linda and John,

I was saddened to hear about your father (father-in-law). It is always difficult to lose anyone close to you but especially difficult to lose a parent. Shirley's and my thoughts are with you and will pray that our Lord and Savior provides you and your family comfort during this difficult time.

Rick and Shirley Fagereng

November 15, 2007 at 11:03 AM



“ Neighbors in Onamia 1959-63 right across the street. Parents of Pat, Lori, David and Susie. Sympathy to the family.

November 15, 2007 at 10:21 AM



“ Dear Connie, Gary, Leslee, Erik, and your extended family,
What a wonderful history you shared about your dad and grandpa. I
already knew he was wonderful, because he left such a beautiful
legacy of family love. He will always be a part of each of you. I wish
I could be there to mourn and celebrate his life. You will be in my
thoughts and prayers. Love, Peg###imported-begin##Peg
Lindlof###imported-end##

November 14, 2007 at 09:11 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Mr. Burggraff, but from all
I've heard from Linda and read in this obituary, he was a wonderful
man.

*The family always seemed to enjoy just spending time together.
What a testament to him to have raised daughters that are not only
sisters, but great friends.*

*I'm sure he will be missed.###imported-begin##Brenda
Hermundson###imported-end##*

November 14, 2007 at 06:01 PM



“ To the entire Burggraff family we extend our sympathyes! You are
such a loving, caring family unit and I know you will miss George!

*Love, Carol and Jim Mathers###imported-begin##Carol and Jim
Mathers###imported-end##*

November 13, 2007 at 10:32 PM



“ Connie and Gary and family, It is truly a blessing to have parents such as George and Doris, so devoted to each other, their family, and their community. They, too, were blessed with three loving daughters and each of them with a wonderful family of their own. We hope you find comfort as you celebrate his life with fond and fun-filled memories of the many times you have spent together over the years. With love, Craig and Mary##imported-begin##Craig and Mary Burton##imported-end##

November 13, 2007 at 05:11 PM



“ Connie, Gary and family of George, Leslee and I extend our sincere sympathies to you on the passing of George. In reading about his lifetime achievements he made many wonderful contributions to not only his family but the Onamia community as well. We know you have many fond memories to hold forever.
Sincerely,
Alan and Leslee Henaman##imported-begin##Alan and Leslee Henaman##imported-end##

November 13, 2007 at 11:29 AM