



## Robert Jacobson

October 14, 1927 - April 27, 2019

Robert Calvin Jacobson, age 91 of Humboldt IA, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital in Humboldt. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Zion Lutheran Church in Humboldt with Rev. Aaron Flatau officiating. Burial will take place at Union Cemetery in Ottosen. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in Humboldt.

Robert was born in Estherville, IA in 1927. He graduated from Ottosen High School in 1945. Robert was honorably discharged from the US Marine Corps after serving 3 years at the end of the Second World War in the South Pacific and China.

He was able to attend the State Teacher's College (University of Northern Iowa) thanks to the GI Bill. While attending college he participated in multiple sports and activities. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1952. He then attended the University of South Dakota in 1960, and earned a PhD from the University of Iowa in 1970.

Robert had a 25 year career in Education in Iowa. He started his career as a Biology teacher in Swea City, where he met his loving wife Wanda. He then taught in Curlew and Mallard and from there he was a school administrator in Mallard, West Central of Maynard, and Vinton. He left the Education field in 1976, and spent the rest of his life self employed in sales, farming, manufacturing, and golf course ownership. He loved the free enterprise system and the freedom and success that it generated.

Bob and Wanda were united in marriage on May 30, 1954 in the Blakjar Lutheran Church at Fenton. They were blessed with four children, Thomas, Cynthia, Cheryl, and Sondra. Bob taught his children the love of the outdoors through his example and many family drives were actually spent looking for pheasants and ducks. He kept his shotgun in the trunk just in case.

Bob enjoyed numerous fishing and hunting trips with family and friends to Minnesota, Canada, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. He and Wanda were avid travelers and had many

road trips to California, Florida, Texas and Arizona. Dad also enjoyed trips to Australia, Communist Russia.

Robert and Wanda were long time members of the Lutheran Church and were active in the church in every community they lived. Robert was very active in his community and was involved in many organizations throughout his life. Robert loved the back and forth of intellectual debate. He was a true renaissance man.

Robert and the love of his life Wanda, who passed on in 2017, thoroughly enjoyed their wonderful family which include Thomas Charles (Mare) of Riverside, Cheryl Nadine Lyon (Craig) of Ames, Sondra LaRae Dyer (Jim) of Indianola; grandchildren and families include Samuel Lyon, Kate Lyon (Courtney, Finn and Hutch), Jacob Lyon, Jennifer Dyer, Jamie O'Donnell (Mike, Madeline, Andrew), Kari Dyer and Megan Dyer; brother Jerry (Georgia) of Moss Point, Mississippi, and Pearl Huddleston (Charlie). He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Wanda and daughter Cynthia. His brothers, John, Harold and LeRoy and his sisters Eloise and Iola.

# Comments

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“ I remember Bob Jacobson as an English teacher at Swea City...he also taught Driver's Ed. and maybe an assistant football coach. I think his wife Wanda taught kindergarten when my younger sister and brother started school. He introduced the classics to us and what a surprise when he invited a Shakespeare lecturer to our class who turned out to be our school janitor...not with a broom in his hand, but books and dressed in a suit! We were sorry to lose him when some school board members weren't happy with Mrs. Jacobson being pregnant! My family was dumbfounded...most of the students were farm kids and knew where babies came from, not in the pumpkin patch or storks! Although he was tough, he was one of the better teachers we had in our school at that time. Thanks, Jake, for a lot of good memories.

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