

James Altwegg, 68

Feb. 14, 1936 - Aug. 2, 2004

CLIVE – James William Altwegg was born in Belmont, Feb. 14, 1936, to Irma Ruth and James Brown Altwegg. He had one sibling, Frances Ann. Later followed Gary John. He grew up in Redfield, and graduated from Redfield High School in 1954. After graduation, he attended Iowa State University, graduating in 1958. His first teaching job was in Rhodes, where he taught for two years. After Rhodes, he taught at Earlham for three years where he met his lifelong companion, Patricia Elaine Ross.

He met Pat in February and they were married in June. He received his Master's degree in Secondary School Administration from Drake. His first high school principal job was at Collins High School for two years. He moved on to Irwin-Kirkman Junior-Senior High School for four years. From there he finished his career in Dunlap, where he was junior-senior high principal for 26 years. Jim's accomplishments included recognition for 30 years as an athletic director and 38 years of dedicated service to education. In 1999 he was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame at the Boy's State High School Basketball Tournament. He died Aug. 2, 2004, surrounded by his family at Mercy Hospital.

Jim is survived by his wife, Patricia Altwegg of Clive; his four children, Teri Albracht (Dave) of Kansas City, KS; James Altwegg (Andrea) of Las Vegas, NV; Julie Hancock (Ronnie) of Las Vegas, NV; and Debra Bezanis (Brian) of Western Springs, IL; and his 10 grandchildren, Courtney, Lindsay, Ryan and Tyler Albracht; Jimmy and Quinton Altwegg; Bailey and Trevor Hancock; and Nicholas and Mallory Bezanis; his brother, Gary Altwegg (Sharol) of Logan; a sister, Frances Lamb of Maquoketa; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, 2004, at Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines, with burial in the Earlham Cemetery. Kuhn Funeral Home in Earlham in charge of arrangements.