

Arthur Meyer, 76

March 3, 1929 - Nov. 11, 2005

ATLANTIC — Arthur William Meyer was born March 3, 1929, in Castalia in the family farm home to Harold Frederick and Mabel Louise (Blumhagen) Meyer. He graduated from Postville High School in May of 1947 and attended Wartburg College in Waverly, from 1947 – 1951 graduating with a B.A. with a Music Education major with instrumental emphasis. He taught K – 12 music in the Manilla Community Schools from 1951 – 1955 and directed the choirs in the Methodist and Lutheran Churches. While in Manilla he was a member of the Kiwanis Club.

May 29, 1955, Art married Joanne Grace Ahrenholtz in Manilla and moved to Atlantic in June. He earned his M.A. degree at Northern Colorado State University in Greeley, CO with a major in Music Education in 1961 and did graduate work at several universities. He was the instrumental music director in the Atlantic Community Schools from 1959 – 1981. He then was employed with National Federation of Independent Business and in 1994 with National "Write Your Congressman". He was a member of the Iowa Bandmaster's Association from 1951 – 1985, the Iowa State and National Education Association from 1951 – 1981, Phi Delta Kappa – Honorary Education Association from 1961 – 1986, and was nominated as the SW District Representative for the Iowa Music Education Association in 1980. Art was a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church for 50 years and an active member of Kiwanis Club of Atlantic for 10 years. He died Nov. 11, 2005, at his home in Atlantic after a three year battle with cancer at age 76.

Art is survived by his wife, Joanna of Atlantic; one daughter, Greta (Terry) Anderson of Ankeny, two sons, Greg (Wendy) Meyer of Oskaloosa, and Grant (Brenda) Meyer of Laramie, WY; grandchildren, Tiffany, Nathan and Ashley Meyer and Benjamin Anderson; brothers, Cloy Meyer and Duane Meyer both of Castalia; one sister, Marlys Hager; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14, 2005, at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Atlantic. Hockenberry Family Care Funeral Home in Atlantic in charge of arrangements.