



Gale H. Damhof

October 8, 1939 - May 2, 2011

Gale H. Damhof age 71 of McBain went home to be with the Lord at his home with his family by his side on May 2, 2011.

He was born on October 8, 1939 in Roseland, Minn., to Herman and Henrietta (Hoekstra) Damhof. He married Jeanne Geers on February 2, 1963 at the McBain United Presbyterian Church.

Gale received a BS degree from Hope College, his Master's degree in math from Western, and a specialist degree from Central Michigan in Mt. Pleasant. He had taught at McBain High School for 35 years, he had been a math and science teacher, high school principal, athletic director, j.v. basketball coach, cross country coach, student council advisor, and year book advisor. He had served as McBain City Treasurer for 30 years, was on the Missaukee Golf Board, president of the Lion's Club, Boy Scout Leader, little league coach, member of the M.E.A. and the McBain United Presbyterian Church. While a member of the church he served as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, sang in the men's choir, served as elder numerous terms, and had served as church clerk and treasurer. He also was a member of the Michigan Athletic Association. One of his favorite sports was playing golf.

He is survived by wife, Jeanne Damhof of McBain; son, Jon Damhof of Cadillac; daughter, Mary Alice (Byran) Marschner of Mooreville, N.C.;

grandchildren, Ericka (Kelly) Stillson and Ben Damhof; sisters, Fern (Richard) Marcus of San Joes, California, Joanne (Tom) Bowman of San Joes, California; inlaws, Bernard (Jo) Geers of McBain and Margaret (Bob) Newland of Cadillac; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father in law and mother in law, Ben and Alice Geers.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2011 at the McBain United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Larry Grooters officiating. Burial will be at Mount View Cemetery at McBain. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice or the Church. A guest book is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Your family is in my prayers, I have many memories of Mr. Damhof as a teacher and athletic director. He touched many lives & I was lucky to have the opportunity to be one of his students.*

Karin (VanHaitsma) Schepers - May 08, 2011 at 10:44 AM

BC

“ *I'm sorry for all you have been through. Blessings to you and your family.*

Betty Collier - May 05, 2011 at 10:17 PM

GK

“ *Gale was my JV basketball coach and one of my favorite teachers. I really enjoyed playing golf with him and just being around him. We will all miss a great man.*

Greg Kroes - May 05, 2011 at 08:56 AM

MN

“ *Mr. Damhof was one of my favorite teachers and will be missed. Mary-Alice my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Know that I wish I could be there for you during your time of loss.*

Mari-Jo Nederhoed - May 05, 2011 at 02:28 AM

WB

“ Gale and I grew up in Roseland, Minnesota, attended the same church, the same one-room country school, and Hope College together. Gail was also in our wedding. He was a great friend, an excellent student and a great athlete. Our sympathy to Jeanne, their children and grandchildren.

Wally and Adina Van Buren - May 04, 2011 at 10:00 PM

CB

“ We are remembering the gentle ways and kind smile of our classmate at Hope College. Cal shared an apartment with Gale for three years. It was a joy to be friends and grow up together!!! We are so thankful for his life and his family that will carry on the values, faith and service that our dear friend shared with us!!! Jeanne we are so thankful for your circle of love that you have included us in.

Cal and Bonnie Bruins - May 04, 2011 at 04:25 PM

TH

“ Gale, Visiting you this last year has been an honor. I will miss our Tuesdays together.

Tom Huxtable - May 04, 2011 at 08:01 AM

DI

“ Mr. Damhof was one of my favorite teachers, and one of the reasons I became a Math and Science teacher myself. He was a great teacher and a great man.

Dennis Iler - May 04, 2011 at 05:51 AM

BS

“ I remember Mr Damhof as a kind teacher My sympathy for his family.

Beckie Stoddard - May 04, 2011 at 05:05 AM

LV

“ *My condolences to Jeanne and the family . Gale will be missed.*

Loy VanderVeen - May 03, 2011 at 09:23 AM