



Charles William Hagemeister

December 7, 1931 - December 25, 2019

Charles (Chuck) William Hagemeister was born on December 7, 1931 in Fort Collins, Colorado and passed away on December 25, 2019.

Chuck married the love of his life Pearl on June 25, 1988 and they shared their blessed life together for over 31 years.

He was a native of Fort Collins from a prominent pioneer family. Having lived here for 88 years, he had deep roots in the city. His Grandfather was known as the father of the sheep feeding industry in this area and was involved in oil and gas drilling in north Fort Collins.

In 1950 Charles graduated from Fort Collins High School. After attending Colorado State University, then known as Colorado A&M, for one quarter, Chuck left to serve his country in the Korean War. He was sent to Biloxi, MS with his Air National Guard Unit and was trained as a radar operator. During activation as part of the Air Force, Chuck was released due to an old back injury. He returned to Fort Collins, joining the Fort Collins Police Department as a patrolman and resigned as a Detective Sergeant in 1962 to complete his degree at Colorado A&M. He then went on to earn a BS in Social Studies, Guidance Counseling, and later an Administration Certificate from Colorado State University. After graduation, Chuck served as a teacher, counselor, and assistant principal for 23 years. He was also an exchange teacher and chairperson for the reading program at Kamehameha Schools Honolulu, HI. He also served as president of the Poudre Education Association and Phi Kappa Delta, an honorary education society.

Chuck then worked as a Juvenile Investigator for 12 years for the Larimer County District Attorney's Office, retiring in 2000. Chuck's numerous civic activities included chairman of the Fort Collins Discovery Center Advisory Council, founder of the Fort Collins Historical Society, served as the History Committee Chairman of the Fort Collins Centennial Bi-Centennial in 1976, life member of the Elks Lodge #804, member and past vice-president of the Fort Collins Municipal Railway Society, and he most recently was presented a beautiful plaque honoring him as a dear friend and founding member of the Northern

Colorado Model Railroad Club. Chuck and his wife Pearl were active members of First Presbyterian Church, having served as ushers and greeters over the years.

Survivors include his loving wife, Pearl Ann, affectionately called "the jewel of his life." His is also survived by his daughter Pamela Hanson-Medina, one granddaughter, two grandsons, one great granddaughter, one great grandson, one step-son, one sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Chuck is predeceased by two step-daughters, and his brother Howard. Many friends and neighbors are serving as advocates.

Services will be held Tuesday, December 31st, at 10:00 AM, at First Presbyterian Church, 531 South College Ave. Entombment will follow at 12:30 PM at Grandview Cemetery. Contributions can be made to the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, or charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Mr. Hagemeister was a good, kind and compassionate man. He was the Assistant Principal when I attended Lincoln Junior High School from 1976 - 1979. He was very supportive of our Student Council and our student newspaper. He helped me out as a teenager, growing up and learning about life. I have fond memories of him from Lincoln Jr. High.

Brad Patterson

Brad Patterson - January 05, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Mr. Hagemeister holds a special place in my heart. He assisted me through some very difficult times while at Lincoln Jr. High. Without his words and guidance, I may have walked away from school forever. He will certainly be remembered by many, and missed by many many more. Rest In Peace, my heartfelt prayers for the family. May the pain of loss, be replaced the memory of a honourable, and truly wonderful person.

Joe Glass - December 31, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ Pearl, we send our condolences to you and your family. Chuck will be greatly missed. Sorry we cannot attend his service today but know you will honor him well. He was a part of my school family at Poudre and was such a wonderful, kind, good man . His Obit. speaks well of his wonderful character and contributions. He lived a rich legacy not to be forgotten. Prayers as you remember him today that you all will receive love, comfort and peace.

Karen (Shields) Blanco and Sam

Karen Blanco - December 31, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ Mr. Hagemeister was a wonderful counselor; I remember him fondly. His quiet, warm style was his calling card and students listened to him. My sympathies to this family; he was an impactful contributor to Fort Collins. He will be missed by so many people here.

~ Julie (Pavel) Johnson Haffner

Julie Johnson Haffner - December 31, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ Pearl, We send our sympathies to you and your family. What a Great man, Chuck, to lose in life, but many great memories will be with us forever. Our four children who were students at Lincoln Junior High, (combined years 1975-1983) have only the highest respect for their Assistant Principal, Mr. Hagemeister. He had superb discipline ethics, and for that the community is forever grateful. Seeing you two frequently at the C-B for breakfast was always a great way to start the day. Blessings and hugs to you. Most sincerely, Bud and Marilyn Anderson, Windsor CO

Bud-Marilyn ANDERSON - December 30, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ I am saddened at the passing of Chuck. I first crossed paths with him about 50 years ago. He was a pillar in the Ft. Collins community and I want to send my condolences to his family.

Jim Burrill - December 29, 2019 at 02:51 AM



“ I'm so sorry Pearl. He was my favorite teacher at Lincoln. Mom will miss her Pearl Harbor Day birthday buddy. God Bless you. Linda and Beverly Cates.

Linda Cates Dudley - December 28, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ Chuck and I taught at Poudre High together for many, many years. He always had a smile on his face — what a kind man. We taught at opposite ends of the building but Poudre was one big family so I saw him often and knew him well. It was a great move when he became a counselor. Was so good to see him at the PHS’s 50th reunion of the class of ‘69. Will miss you, Chuck!!!

Jeni Forbes

Jeni Forbes - December 28, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ “Mr.Hagemeister” was my 7th grade History teacher at the old Lincoln Jr. High School on Mulberry Street. He is one teacher that I will always remember. He made every student feel valued. I have been privileged to grow up in Fort Collins and remain here as an adult and witness all the good Chuck did for our community. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many.

My condolences,
Janene Dellenbach

Janene Dellenbach - December 27, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ Pearl, I am so sorry to hear of Chuck’s passing. Charlie and I always loved having you and Chuck as our neighbors...you were always so good to us and very tolerant of our kids and our puppy dogs! I wish you peace and comfort. You and Chuck were such a happy couple

Ginger Wilson

Ginger Wilson - January 02, 2020 at 03:05 AM