



## Marvin J. Dumler

September 7, 1921 - October 5, 2015

Marvin J. Dumler was born in rural Russell County, Kansas, on September 7, 1921, to Jacob and Lydia Dumler. After growing up in the heartland, he attended Valparaiso University in Indiana where he played basketball and earned his BA in education in 1943. He then signed up for officers' training school at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in the Chicago area. Upon receiving his commission, he joined his US Navy ship, LST 131, in Evansville, Indiana. Marvin served as Lieutenant (JG) on that ship for nearly two years in the Pacific theatre in World War II, including the invasions of Saipan, Tinian and Peleliu. While on leave for repairs to his ship in April, 1945, he returned to Kansas and married his "sweetie", Esther Wegele. They remained faithfully together for over 70 years, until Marvin died on October 5, 2015.

After the war, he resumed his education, obtaining his Masters in Education at Fort Hayes State College, and Doctor of Education at the University of Kansas. He then embarked on his career in education, teaching in Hoisington, Kansas, Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, and finishing at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois.

During this time, Marvin and Esther raised five children, and what an example he set for his kids! Gentleness, humility, loyalty, strength, all based on his unshakeable faith in God. He was a man of integrity, and his faith and family always came first.

Dad is survived by his beloved wife, Esther, and his children Charles (Emily), Diane (Harold), Douglas (Cathy), Cynthia (Beth) and Cathryn (Tim); seven grandchildren, Tracy, Jessica, Josh, Abbie, Julie, Micah and Joel; and five great-grandchildren, Isaac, Mishka, Sasha, Elena and Luke.

Memorial contributions can be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Loveland, Colorado.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30AM on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4650 Sunview Dr., Loveland, Colorado.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Dumler family members,  
I didn't know of Marvin's passing until today. I enjoyed him and beautiful Ester so much when I had the privilege of being with them as a Visiting Angel. I will never forget these special two and how kind and warm they both were.  
Blessings to all of you!  
Jackie Burgstahler  
Loveland CO

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Jackie Brugstahler - January 05, 2016 at 12:25 PM

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“ Dr. Dumler was one of my favorite professors at Concordia...a gentleman with a wry, yet witty, sense of humor. He was a strong, quite role model for me and for many other future teachers and administrators to emulate. My sincere condolences to the entire Dumler Family.

Art Ryden  
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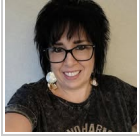
Art Ryden - October 26, 2015 at 07:13 PM

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“ To Marvin's family: He was a wonderful kind sweet man. I had the pleasure of getting to know him and serving him his hot chocolate at morning meals. He would be up early and we would talk for a little bit. He was sometimes funny and always greeted me with a "good morning" and a smile. My condolences to you all on the loss of this wonderful man.

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Estela Baca - October 12, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ *Dumler Family,*

*I just want you to know how much of a priviledge it was to get to know your dad! When I started at Lemay 1 1/2 years ago, Marvin was one of the first people I came into contact with. I'll always smile at the memories I have of him. We spent a lot of time chatting about his Navy time and how he met your mom. When he would come to see your mom before her move, he would excercise with us and he would playfully throw punches in my direction with an ornery grin. He was a wonderful man and I'm so thankful we were friends! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Sincerely,  
Jennifer Craft  
Lemay Avenue Health & Rehab*

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**Jen Craft** - October 08, 2015 at 08:43 PM