



Gary Gylden

January 14, 1937 - March 9, 2012

Gary G. Gylden, 75, Valley City, North Dakota, died Friday, March 9, 2012 at his home. He was born on January 14, 1937 in LaMoure, North Dakota the son of Jack and Myrle (Malloy) Gylden. He graduated from Dazey (ND) High School in 1955. Gary then attended Valley City State University and received his Bachelors degree in 1959.

He was united in marriage to Margaret McTavish in 1957 at Valley City. Gary attained his Masters degree from Northern Colorado in 1964 and also continued to work towards a PhD but then they decided to move back to North Dakota where he taught music in Binford and Rolla. He was superintendent in Kenmare, North Dakota for several years before finishing his teaching career in Des Lacs-Burlington school teaching music again and retiring in 2000.

Gary was a long-time member of the State American Legion Band and also a member of the El Zagal Shrine Imperial's Band.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, Valley City; two sons, Jeffrey, Valley City; Jamie (Jana), Prague; a daughter, Stephanie Gylden, Independence, California; and three grand children, Jessica, Alexandra and Elizabeth.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents.

Private graveside services will be held in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Valley City, at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Gylden and family, I am sorry to be making contact too late to say this to Mr. Gylden as well. However, my brother Mike told me of his passing and I wanted to say what good memories I have of both of you as teachers in Binford. I remember Mr. Gylden/Gary with tears flowing down his face as he led our choir in the "Hallelujah Chorus" with all the audience in the gymnasium standing and with all of us together, including the "Leininger girls" singing so beautifully. I remember his teaching me physical science. I also remember you, Mrs. Gylden/Margaret, as one of my very favorite English teachers. You were both such "cool," classy people. While I never felt I could come close to your class, I too became an English teacher and have served my students the very best I could in North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington while also having geographical adventures. I am hoping that your health is good and that it remains so for some time. About 10 years ago, when my father was still alive and my parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, I was amazed to see how young Mrs. (Betty) Olsgaard looked; she seemed to have gotten younger as I became older and looked at her through adult eyes instead of middle-schooler's eyes. I am sure the same is true for you and would have been as I looked at Gary. I am sorry I missed that opportunity - to sing a few words to him with appreciation. May you, Margaret and family, have many moments of song and laughter and love yet to come so that he can be with you in that way and many others even more meaningful to you all. I am humming the alto version of "Hallelujah" even now, so he is with me a bit too. Again, you are in my thoughts with sadness but also with great gratitude.

Always, Patsy Stahl (Class of 1968)##imported-begin##Patsy Stahl##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 10:20 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Gary's family. I'm so sorry that I didn't know him or wasn't in touch with the family. Gary would have been my father's (Clifford Josephson) 1st cousin. My grandmother Siiri was Uncle Jack's sister. I did know Uncle Jack well. He even came and visited us when we were living in Billings MT. Again my deepest sympathy.

God Bless,

JoyAnn##imported-begin##JoyAnn (Josephson)

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March 13, 2012 at 08:24 PM



“ Had a great twenty years of teaching with Gary at DLB. Always had fun having hall duty at the end of the hall. Great guy, sure will miss you.

Richard##imported-begin##Richard and Janet Sabol##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 05:00 PM



I'm thinking of Mr Gylden as I sit at this year's Christmas school program. I enjoyed singing in his high school choir and am thankful all he taught me. - Pauline Nygard

Pauline Crowder - December 14, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ Gylden Family,

I am so sorry to hear that Mr. Gylden passed away. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was a clarinet student of Mr. Gylden at DL-B in the 80s. I was in the college band with Jamie at Minot State. I loved having him as a music teacher. I am an elementary music teacher now in Minot. So I think of him often. I am thankful to have had him as a teacher!##imported-begin##Carol Mock##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 02:37 PM



“ Gylden family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I played in the Easy Street 7 with Gary and enjoyed every minute of it. We had some good laughs and he was a great guy. I hope you will always remember the good times you had with my friend Gary. EBC Forever, John Monilaws##imported-begin##John Monilaws##imported-end##

March 12, 2012 at 08:56 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family. It is heartbreaking to hear of Gary's passing. We feel privileged to have known Gary as he was a great friend, a joy to be around and we will truly miss his wonderful sense of humor. Thinking of you - Tom and RaMona Lockwood##imported-begin##Tom and RaMona Lockwood##imported-end##

March 12, 2012 at 03:05 PM



“ *Margaret and family,
We were so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We remember you both from your time in Binford. He did such a good job with the musicals he directed here. Our kids took part in them and remember Mr Glyden fondly. Our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Lyle and Lorraine Edlund##imported-begin##Lyle and Lorraine Edlund##imported-end##*

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