



Aeilt Sents

June 22, 1921 - February 18, 2020

Dr. Aeilt E. Sents, age 98, of Washington, Iowa, died Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the Washington County Hospital.

Celebration of life services will be held 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the main dining room of the United Presbyterian Home with services conducted by Chaplain Andrew Zuehlke. Interment will take place at a later date. Memorials have been established for Louisa County Pheasants Forever or the Wheaton College Aeilt E. and Adeline Sents Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Jones & Eden Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent for Aeilt's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com

Aeilt E. Sents, son of Eilerd A. and Anna (Conrad) Sents, was born June 22, 1921, at the family home in rural Grundy County, Iowa.

His elementary education was completed in a one room country school. His high school education was completed in the Aplington High School after which he attended Chillicothe Business College. From there he accepted a position with the Atchison and Topeka Railroad in Chanute, Kansas. After several years he enrolled in Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. Aeilt's college education was interrupted when he enlisted in the Army Reserve Corp, unassigned. When called to active duty he failed to meet the physical requirement and was given an honorable discharge. After receiving his military discharge, he resumed his college education and received a Liberal Arts Degree, at Wheaton College with a major in history. He continued his education by enrolling in graduate school at the University of Iowa and completed the work for a Master's Degree in History.

Aeilt began his teaching career in the Junior College and High School in Red Oak, Iowa. After two years, he accepted a position in the Senior High School in Rock Island, Illinois. Four years later he was offered a position in the History Department at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He continued his graduate studies attending summer schools at the University of Iowa and Harvard University. Upon receiving a Study Grant from the state

of Wisconsin, he enrolled at the University of Missouri and completed the work and received the degree, Doctor of Philosophy in History.

He enjoyed the classroom and students and after thirty years retired from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Department of History as Emeritus Professor. While in the classroom he was a member of several historical organizations. After he retired he retained his membership in the organization "Conference of Faith and History" of which he was a founding member.

On August 3, 1954, he was married to Adeline E. Humphreys in Iowa City. Their union was blessed with a daughter, Eleanor, and a son, Steven. After leaving Rock Island in 1956, they moved to Whitewater where they lived for the next fifty years until they moved to the United Presbyterian Home in Washington, Iowa. While living in Whitewater, he was a member of the United Methodist Church. To help the church in its Sesquicentennial Celebration he wrote a two volume History of the Methodist Church in Whitewater. As a member of the church he served on various committees and boards. He was a founding member of the Whitewater Kiwanis Breakfast Club and wrote a history of the first twenty-five years of the organization.

Aeilt loved and enjoyed classical music and opera. During the New York Metropolitan season, his Saturday afternoons were frequently spent reading and listening to the Metropolitan productions.

He enjoyed local and foreign travel. In 1958 Aeilt assisted in conducting a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater fifty-five day tour around the world. In retirement, he and Adeline enjoyed Elderhostel tours, two to China, to Russia, European countries and domestic cities and places of interest. They also attended a three week study tour of Israel. For more than twenty years, their retirement winters were spent on the Gulf of Mexico, in Gulf Shores, Alabama. No summer was complete without the family spending a week fishing on a northern Minnesota Lake. In the past twenty or more years these excursions were reduced to two people, Aeilt and his favored fishing and hunting partner, son Steven. Each summer they spent a week fishing in Canadian waters, catching and releasing the elusive muskies. During the last months of the year, several days each month were spent hunting Iowa pheasants.

Aeilt is survived by the strength and love of his life, his wife, Adeline; the joy and blessings for all of their lives, daughter, Eleanor and son, Steven. This blessing was extended with addition of son-in-law, Bruce and daughter-in-law, Melissa and five grandchildren and two great granddaughters. Each of the family was special and his prayer for each was that

they would find meaning, purpose, direction and fulfillment in life, loving God and obeying His commandments.

Comments



“ I just received news of Dr. Sents promotion to glory. He was the campus sponsor for IVCF when I was the chapter president. We met at his house and he led us in a Bible study. He was also my professor for the history of England. Thank you, Lord, for this man and his faithful service. May the Lord comfort all of you. While I am here, thank you Mrs. Sents for helping me through 5th grade. I had to repeat that grade and the first time was very traumatic for me (with Mrs. Graves, who was very old school). Your gentle touch helped me heal. Thanks Steve, for for your friendship in high school and at Fairhaven. Jim Hansen, SIMUSA.

James Hansen - April 11, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Aeilt Sents.



February 22, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Al's death and the story of his richly fulfilled life and of his faith in his savior and love for his family brings back many a wonderful memory of one of my dearest friends from my days as a graduate student at the University of Iowa. We shared at least two years there together with a number of other believing students. We enjoyed many of the same blessings afforded by that stimulating environment--the studies (I was an English major), the arts--music especially, and the companionship of friends.

I proceeded to earn a Ph.D. at Boston U. and teach at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. I now live with my wife of 66 years in the Reformed Presbyterian Home for the Aged in Pittsburgh.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to honor a very dear friend. My deepest sympathy to the family but a Hallelujah to our Lord for Al and his faithful service in his Lord's kingdom.

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Norman Carson, Ph.D - February 21, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mrs. Sents, I had you in 5th grade back around 1985. I think of you often. Prayers to you and your family. Shari (Fischer) Loback

Shari Loback - February 20, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aeilt Sents.



February 19, 2020 at 09:37 AM