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Robert D. Noecker, 75, of Clinton, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on January 8, 2009 at his home. Visitation will be Sunday, January 11, 2009, from 2:00-6:00pm at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral Services will be 10:30am, Monday at Zion Lutheran Church, Clinton. Burial will be in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery with military honors being conducted by the Clinton AMVETS Post#28. Pallbearers will be Eldon Linscheid, David Schneider, Elliott Christen, Wayne Taylor, Ken Wilkins, and Don Doughty. His grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers. Robert Dean Noecker was born on May 22, 1933, in Decorah, Iowa, the son of William and Olive (Anderson) Noecker. As a young boy he was active in the Kilties Drum and Bugle Corps and Boy Scouts in Decorah. He married Dorothy Watkins on February 6, 1954 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Bob was a 1951 graduate of Decorah High School and later graduated from Luther College in Decorah in 1957. He was veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1953-1955. Bob taught driver's education at Clinton High School for 27 years before retiring in 1995. While at Clinton High, he coached girl's golf for 20 years, boy's varsity basketball for 5 years, and sophomore football. Prior to teaching in Clinton, he taught and coached basketball in Sherburn, Minnesota for 11 years. Bob was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton and an associate member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida. He was a lifetime member of the National Education Association, Clinton AMVETS Post#28, and the Elks Club. He enjoyed wintering in Florida, watching the Hawkeyes, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Bob had the ability to strike up a conversation with people wherever he went. Bob was known for his friendliness and outgoing personality. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 54 years: Dorothy of Clinton; two sons: Randy (Deb) Noecker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Jeffrey (Angie) Noecker of St. Cloud, Minnesota; three daughters: Terrie Myers of Olathe, Kansas,



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Jane Noecker of Clinton, and Lori (Tim) Zeutenhorst of Orange City, Iowa; nine grandchildren: Kirsten Noecker, Kari Noecker, Kylie Noecker, Lauren Myers, Brittany Myers, Tyler Zeutenhorst, Anna Zeutenhorst, Hallie Noecker, and Haldan Noecker; five step-grandchildren: Betsy Norman, Maggie Norman, Curtis Hames, Morgan Hames, and Austin Hames, and one great-grandson: Bryan Morris. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, and one grandson. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials are made to Zion Lutheran Church or Luther College Athletics Department. Bob's family would like to thank the doctors and nurses that cared for him during his long illness. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at www.snellzornig.com



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GM

Gregory And Ludalle (Weih) Meyer posted:

Greg and I along with my sister Lorna (Weih) and her husband Richard Pahl wanted to extend our deepest sympathies to the Noecker family. We knew Bob thru having a brother that is a neighbor and always enjoyed his great sense of humor and friendly outgoing personality. I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him.

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KJ

Keith And Shirleen Jackson posted:

Our deepest sympathy to your whole family. The best people are from Northeast Iowa (Decorah/Cresco) especially those Luther grad's. Bob always went out of his way to talk and make you feel welcome, what a caring person. We will miss Bob's smile.

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SP

Shirley Patey posted:

Dear Jane and family, You are in my prayers for the comfort and peace of the Lord as you walk through this difficult time of saying good-bye. God Bless you, Shirley Patey

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JK

Joani Kittoe posted:

Jane & Family, So sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a very special man. I think of you often, Jane, as you were a great teacher when my kids were at N.Catholic. I will be thinking of you and your family and praying that you find peace in the wonderful memories you have of your Dad. God Bless You all, Joani Kittoe & Family

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EM

Elaine Mcintosh posted:

Terrie, All of us send you and your family our thoughts and love. Elaine

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Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

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Dwayne & Phyllis (Kelley) Hauber posted:

He was a great guy and dear cousin. Bobbie was my 1st Cousin. I am daughter of Joe and Mary (Noecker)Kelley. We attend School together. Sincere Sympathy,Dwayne and Phyllis(Kelley) Hauber

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Susan Lago Lavenz posted:

I wanted to send a note to convey my sincere sympathy in your loss. I will hold your family and Bob in my thoughts and prayers. Susie Lagos Lavenz

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Aimee Mathiesen Hannan posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts. Mr. Noecker was a very memorable teacher who I had deep respect for.

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Mark And Lisa Muilenburg posted:

Dorothy and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lori, I will give you a hug when you get back to OC. Sincerely, Mark and Lisa MuilenburgAnna - I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You have always been a great friend and I hope I have given the same back to you. I will be praying for you with all my heart that the Lord's peace come over you.Your friend, Rachel

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MC

Meggan Judd-Cant posted:

Mr. Noecker was a memorable teacher. I remember he used to tell this new driver "Step er' down Juddy, step er' down!" I think I listened to well. I just wanted his family to know the fond memories I have of him.

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JA

Jack Anundsen posted:

I have known Bob most of his life and fully agree with the admiration and respect being attributed to him at this time. He was "first class".

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RR

Roger D. Rima posted:

Dearest Dorothy & children, It's 2:30 P.M., January 10th & as is my wont, I go to the Decorah Journal on-line paper whenever I'm going on-line. To say I was shocked to read about Bob, ("Bobby") when we were little squirts, In the obituary section would be putting it mildly! We opened the Decorah Swimming Pool every year from the year it was opened. We pursued Boy Scout activities all our young lives. We got into all kinds of mischief growing up in Decorah, but not bad stuff, just "fun things!" My heart hurts at this sad news and my deepest sympathy goes out to you and the kids, Dorothy! God loves you and will comfort you at this sad time...Love--Rog Rima

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DE

Diane Etienne posted:

Dorothy...I am so sorry for your loss. I remember you and Bob and often Jane coming to the Kennedy basketball games when Dave and Randy were coaching. Those were the days. You guys were so friendly and fun to be around. It is hard to believe that Dave will be gone 23 years April 1. In some ways it seems like just yesterday. I know you and the family have many many wonderful memories.

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DB

Deb Cleveland Broadrick posted:

Jane, So sorry for your loss. Your dad was wonderful teacher. The memories will help you through the tough times.

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JE

Jeff & Deb Etienne posted:

Randy and the rest of the Noecker Family, Our prayers are with you all at this time. I know it has been a few years, but I remeber all of the great times when your Dad & Mom would come and visit to watch the Cougars play when we were coaching together. Your Dad a was great guy who I always enjoyed!Our Family will keep you all in our prayers at this time. God Bless you all!Jeff

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EB

Evelyn Blagsvedt posted:

Dorothy and family; we are so sorry to hear of your loss. May peace be with you all; as you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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MS

Mike Schmitz posted:

Dear Dorothy and Noecker family,Please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. It has been a couple years since I last saw Bob & Dorothy - I think at a concert in Florida.Bob was the first person I met at Clinton High School when I walked up to the building. I'll never forget him - he had on a golf shirt, shorts, and some boat shoes. Asked me my name, where I was from, and what I would teach. I knew I would like him from the start.I loved being the "Band Guy" and sticking my head into the Driver's Ed area. Also loved winning their NCAA pool. I won't forget him singing "Anchor's Aweigh" when I left CHS to join the Navy Band. I'll be thinking about you Bob, as we march down Pennsylvania Avenue next week - I know you'll be clicking your heels as we bring in the Democratic President!

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LG

Lauri Graham posted:

Lori and family -Our hearts go out to all of you. My Dad died in 2007; it is so unbelievably hard in every way. I hope that your hearts will help you to remember all of the good times and great memories you had with your Dad. Dads are such wonderful people that are always with us.Lots of love - Harry, Lauri, Hayley and Logan Graham

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OA

Olive Andvik posted:

Jane & Families Allan Erickson told me of Roberts death, my deepest sympathy, wish I could have known him. Jane what I sent you I hope will help you in days to come to ease the pain of loseing someone so dear. Love and prayers Olive

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DP

Darrell Pierce posted:

We were saddened to read of Bob's passing. I've known Bob all of my life, so it was my privilege to get reacquainted with him when we lived in Clinton from 1992 to 1998. We also attended Zion Lutheran where we first saw the two of you when we moved to Clinton. I always looked forward to seeing Bob at Oneota Golf when he was a guest of Elliott Christen a few times each summer. He was always so pleasant and positive. Our thought and prayers are with you. Darrell Pierce

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KS

Kim Snook posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I worked with Bob for many years in Clinton as the Examiner at the Clinton Driver License station. He started up safety meetings with the driving examiners Clinton, which was then implemented by other driver ed instructors state wide. His dedication to highway safety was superb and his interaction with students was the best I have ever seen. On behalf of the Office of Driver Services please know that his dedication to safety is acknowledged as one of the best.

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JW

John Webb posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Bob Noecker. Bob and I coached together at Clinton High School in the early and mid-1970's. We were also neighbors until Kathy and I moved to Houston, Texas in 1975. I have a lot of fond memories of Bob. My deepest sympathy goes to Dorthy and the rest of the family on their loss.

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CB

Cassie Baker Benson posted:

Dorothy and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Mr. Noecker was one in a million. He taught me many life lessons during some of our long road trips to golf meets. I know he never thought I was listening but I always was. He was a great man and will be sadly missed. Cassie Baker (Benson)

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SN

Steve Nelson posted:

Randy, Mrs. Noecker and the Entire Noecker Family. It is with great sadness that I learned today of the passing of Mr./Coach Noecker. He was a great man and basketball coach who was always VERY kind and wonderful to me. He also was the father of one of my dearest high school friends Randy (Dexter). Myself, my fiance Deb and the entire Nelson family that knew your Dad send our deepest condolences. After our catching up via phone last winter Randy, we were hoping to connect with you and your Mom and Dad sometime this winter in Florida. We would love to still arrange that gathering if your travels bring you to Florida and we will have a drink together in honor of your Dad. God bless you all.

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TM

Tammy 'Annear' Millsap posted:

When I saw Mr. Noecker's obituary in the Cedar Rapids Gazette it took me back in time to CHS Drivers Education....what a wonderful teacher!! I had major anxieties about driving a stick; and with his help and 'coaching' I managed to get through the experience. I also remember his wonderful wife Dorothy from working in the school district for a short time; and also have fond memories of his daughter Jane who is a friend of my brother, Dan. My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family as your hearts fill with wonderful memories of joyful times together; and you celebrate a life well-lived. He was a remarkable man! Oh...and I couldn't end this any other way than to say...'GO HAWKS!' :-)

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SR

Sue Rempel posted:

Dear Terrie, I am so sorry to hear about your dad's death. I cannot imagine all the feelings whirling around in your heart right now. I am keeping you in my prayers and in my thoughts and hoping you will be able to take time off work to be with family and surround yourself with those you love. I am sending you love from here. Take care....love to you, Sue

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KK

Katie Kelly posted:

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He will be missed by many. My sympathy to you and your family.

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RH

Rita Holm posted:

My deepest sympathy to you, Dorothy and family, at the passing of Bob. He made a lasting impression on my late husband Rich and I with his friendly manner. Our children, Peter, Beth and Erika, all remember him during their years at Clinton High: 'Mr. Noecker was a great guy'. Fondly,
Rita

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CS

Cory Schoening posted:

I was deeply saddened to learn of Mr. Noecker's recent passing. I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Mr. Noecker as a teacher at Clinton High, as a neighbor who lived down the street from where I grew up and as a friend through Zion Lutheran Church. Not only was Mr. Noecker a class act as a teacher and a coach, he was a tremendously nice and caring gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this most difficult time.

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SV

Sue (Spears) Vittetoe posted:

Jane and family~ My mom informed me of your dad's death. I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great teacher and I know a loving father to you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless and keep you all.

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PE

Pete Eiden posted:

I can still see Bob coaching back at Sherburn High and remember well getting to come in the gym and shoot hoops with Randy during varsity practice. My dad was a janitor and I would get to come to high school and hang out until he would head home. We just had to make sure we stayed out of the way. My brother Joe who passed on a couple years ago played basketball for Bob and always felt he was a good friend as well as good coach. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Bob will always be remembered fondly as will your family.

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KE

Kathleen "Mathwig" Eiden posted:

Dear Family, So many memories from your time in Sherburn. Not the least of which was Joe's high school basketball career. Those were happy times. My sisters and I just learned of "Mr. Noecker's" death and we spent quite a bit of time remembering him last Sunday. We all dated basketball players and laughed when we remembered how he always used to tell us, "Now you be sure that the guys get home early." We always looked for Mr. Noecker at SHS reunions. What a great guy!! He will be missed. I lost Joe almost 3 years ago and aren't we blessed to have such wonderful memories of our loved one. God comfort and bless you. Kathy

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TL

Timothy Lafond posted:

Terrie and family, Condolences on the loss of your father. He was one of the good guys, that is for sure.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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