



Leslie 'Les' R Hagemeyer

May 16, 1934 - March 29, 2014

Of Park Rapids

Formerly of New Brighton

Leslie R. Hagemeyer was called home to be with Jesus surrounded by his loving family on March 29, 2014, following a lifetime of blessings. He was 79.83 years old. Les attended Saint Cloud Teacher's College and graduated in 1954 alongside his twin brother, Wes. Together, they signed their first teaching contract at the age of 19 in Albert Lea. This was where he met the love of his life, Joan Bratvold. They soon married in 1955 and a year later, settled in New Brighton, MN. He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry S. and Mary K. (Bailey) Hagemeyer and his identical twin brother, Wesley. He will be greatly missed by his brother, Clifton (Delores), sister-in-law, Carol, his loving wife of 58 years, Joan, formerly of Erskine, their children Lane, Clark (Seanne), Lezli (Garry) Edgington, Jacki (Jesse) Harren, their grandchildren Wynn (Jessie), Brandon, Cory, Timothy, Andrew, Amber, Kathryn, Holly, Corina, Clark, Anton, Vivian, great-granddaughter, Hollyann, and many beloved nieces and nephews. Les was a man known for his devotion to family, kind generosity, and the uncanny ability to strike up a conversation with anyone anywhere. He brought out the best in everyone he encountered and gave sage advice. Les' life was keenly focused on children. He proudly served as member of the New Brighton Park Board that created five parks in the New Brighton area. As a math teacher, Mr. Hagemeyer instilled a love of numbers in thousands of children, including his own. He never met a student he didn't like and in whom

he couldn't find great potential. During his 36-year tenure at Mounds View Schools, he served as gymnastics and basketball coach, was Chairman of MEA Membership, and started a community archery program. Les and his twin brother, Wes, founded Archery Country in 1983 in Saint Cloud. They were dedicated to the advancement of the sport and especially enjoyed teaching children the art of 'hitting the bulls eye'. An avid archer, Les qualified for the US Team shoot-off for the 1968 Olympics. He served on the board of directors for many archery associations, including the Minnesota Archery Hall of Fame.

A celebration of life will take place at CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH; 112 S. Park Ave.; Park Rapids, MN on Saturday, April 5th at 1:30 PM with a visitation one hour prior to the service. A second celebration of life will take place at CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH; 1900 - 7th Street NW; New Brighton, MN on Monday, April 7th at 2:00 PM with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Visitation Sunday 2-6 PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME; 515 W. Hwy 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview. The family invites you to wear a touch of yellow in his memory. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Christ the King Lutheran Church of New Brighton.

"Well done, My good and faithful servant." 'Til we meet again in Heaven, we love you, Dad!

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Leslie would come into our Card Room at Starbuck and we all enjoyed him so much. The fellows at the Card Room want to extend our sympathy to his family.*

Paul Billehus - April 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *So sorry to hear about Les. I know that there are very few words that can ease the pain. But it is our prayer that in this time of mourning, you can find comfort in God's promise to one day put an end to death, and all the pain it causes.(Re 21:3,4) In the meantime you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Johnsons - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *To Lezli and family ...*

Our sincere condolences in the passing of your husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Thank you for sharing his life ... may you be comforted knowing that he was loved by so many and in the wonderful memories he has left behind. God's blessings to all.

*In sympathy,
Lou Sablan & everyone on Silpada's TEAM GUAM.*

Lou Sablan - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM