

LAGE, Wayne F. d. 11-11-2003

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**Wayne F. Lage**

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**W**ayne F. Lage, D.D.S., 79, of Des Moines, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, of cancer, at Kavanagh House in Des Moines. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Westover Funeral Home in Des Moines. The body has been cremated and private burial will be at a later date in Hubbard Cemetery.

Wayne was born April 1, 1924, in Hubbard, the son of John and Nellie (Collins) Lage. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church of Hubbard. He attended the Hubbard school, graduating in 1942. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving six years. Wayne entered the University of Iowa, and after four years received a bachelor of arts degree. He then entered the College of Dentistry and received his doctor of dental surgery

degree in 1957. He was a dentist in Des Moines for 34 years. Wayne was a member of the American and Iowa Dental Associations and the Des Moines Dental Society, where he served as secretary-treasurer of the Des Moines district for 20 years. He was also a member of the Blue Lodge and Consistory in the Masonic Order. Wayne had been a member of the American Federation of Musicians since 1950 and performed many times until his illness. He was in the orchestra for many Broadway shows at the KRNT theatre and worked for several orchestra leaders. Among them were Tex Beneke, Ray Anthony, Les and Larry Elgart, Claude Thornhill, Ralph Zarno, Don Hoyer, and the Des Moines Big Band. On Oct. 4, 1979, he helped play the music of the Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II at Living History Farms.

He held a private pilot's license with an instrument rating. In his retirement years, he enjoyed playing tennis and golf and traveling. More than all other interests, music was his life, and he was inducted into the Jazz Music Hall of Fame on Oct. 26, 2003.

He is survived by one sister, Hazel (Mrs. Jim Wright, Sr.) of Collins; five nephews; and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nellis Lage; and three brothers, Dr. Raleigh, Col. Wilbur and Harold Lage.

Memorials may be directed to the care of his sister, Mrs. Hazel Wright, 70131 310th St., Collins, IA 50055.

Westover Funeral Home in Des Moines is in charge of arrangements.