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Gordon McLean

Born: July 10, 1923

Died: August 21, 2004

Services will be held at: 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at the Stavanger Cemetery in LeGrand, Iowa.

Gordon Edward McLean was born July 10, 1923 in Muscatine, Iowa the son of Christine Sleight Mclean and William Thomas McLean. He graduated from Muscatine High School in 1941 where he was a baton twirler and euphonium player with the band. He attended Muscatine Junior College for two years before entering the military service where he was with the 96th Infantry Division Band serving in the Pacific Theater. Upon discharge in 1946, he attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and was the drum major, featured baton twirler and euphonium player with the band. He was a member of Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity. Gordon graduated with a bachelor of music education degree in 1948 and a master of music education degree in 1949. On June 12, 1949 he was married to Cornelia Lunde and began his teaching career in Northwood, Iowa where he taught government and was band director. While there he played in the Mason City Municipal Band under the direction of Carleton Stewart. He also gave baton twirling clinics in various places. After two years they moved to Muscatine, Iowa where he was band director. They moved to Marshalltown, Iowa for a year where he farmed and was employed by an agricultural research firm. They moved to Boone, Iowa where he was a band director for the first Iowa band to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Gordon served as an adjudicator for music contests and was a baton twirling clinician. In 1964 they moved to the new Maine South High School in Park Ridge, Illinois where he was the first band director and later also became department chairman until his retirement in 1992. The band participated in the Aquatennial, Cherry Blossom Festival, Cotton Bowl and various other functions. He retired from there in 1992. Several of his former students have gone on to become band directors in high schools and on the college level. Gordon was a member of the Edison Park Lutheran Church where he directed the bell choir, taught high school Sunday school class, sang in the choir and was euphonium soloist. He

was also a member of the Northshore concert band for twenty years. Gordon is survived by his wife of 55 years Cornelia, his three children: Glendon of Des Moines, Iowa, Krista Feldman of Jewell, Iowa, and Kay Anderson of Park Ridge, Illinois, his four grandchildren Bradley Anderson of Park Ridge, BreAnne, Lindsay and Nathaniel Feldman of Jewell, and a son-in-law Jack Feldman of Jewell, his two nieces and two nephews. Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and sister.