

June 13, 2003

Dr. Bert Edward Nordlie

Died June 5, 2003

Dr. Bert Edward Nordlie, 67, of St. Cloud, Minn., formerly of Ames, died Thursday, June 5, of complications from a previous spinal cord injury.

He was born in Denver, Colo., the son of Gordon E. and Madeline B. Nordlie. He graduated with honors from South High School in Denver, Colo. in 1953. He was an accomplished pianist and studied piano at the prestigious Lamont School of Music. He was a standout athlete in football, track and swimming. He was an all-state athlete. He held the Colorado state record in both the discus and shot put and won the Colorado AAU backstroke that same year. During the summers he worked with his father in commercial construction. He attended the University of Colorado on an athletic scholarship for football, where he played fullback and linebacker. He received his bachelor's degree in geology in 1960, graduating with honors. He then attended the University of Chicago, where he earned his master's degree in 1962 and Ph.D. in 1967. He married Margaret 'Peggy' Jane Brummett on Aug. 18, 1957, in Steamboat Springs, Colo. He was an associate professor for the Geology Department at the University of Arizona from 1968 to 1974, and a full professor and chair of the department of earth sciences at Iowa State University from 1974 to 1999. His numerous honors included Emeritus Professor of Geology and Atmospheric Science, Distinguished Member of the United States Geologic Society of America, sitting member on the ISU Athletic Department Board, National Geologic Society of America and National Rifle Association. Survivors include two sons, Curt E. (and Catherine) Nordlie of Maple Lake, Minn. and Lt Col Craig W. (and Janet) Nordlie currently of Yorktown, Va.; his mother, Madeline B. Nordlie of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Karen J. Carpenter of Menlo Park, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret 'Peggy' J. Nordlie and his father, Gordon E. Nordlie.

Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, at Steamboat Springs Cemetery in Steamboat Springs, Colo. The guestbook can be accessed online at dingmannfuneral.com. Dingmann Funeral Care in Maple Lake, Minn. is in charge of the arrangements.