George Haws Remembered

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I never knew George Haws and as evidence by the turnout and the stories I heard on Thursday, February 21, 2008, I may have been one of the few Marshalltown residents who didn’t.

The legendary teacher, coach and friend passed away on Monday, February 18th, in Marshalltown. He was buried on Friday February 22nd here.

Last Thursday night was a night for friendship, fellowship and stories and oh for the stories. Mr. Haws was a major part of so many lives in Marshalltown and other communities before coming here.

From his neighbors, to his fellow teachers, to former athletes and students everyone turned out to honor a man that was what so many people wanted to be as a friend. From all of the guests in attendance, we will miss you George, but we are sure that we will be together again.

George Weedlun Haws was born on October 4, 1930 in Omaha, NE, the son of George Gregory Haws and Ida (Weedlun) Haws. He had lived in Oakland, NE, Missouri Valley, IA, and Shenandoah before moving to Marshalltown. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State and received his master’s degree from the University of Wyoming. He also attended graduate school at Iowa State University. After serving two years in the army, George was a long time teacher and coach at Shenandoah, Lewis Central of Council Bluffs and Marshalltown. He also served as assistant principal at Marshalltown High School. He will be missed by his wife of 54 years, Joyce of Marshalltown and his boxer, “Floppy” and a host of friends, colleagues and past students and athletes.