



Arthur "Art" Henry Berg

June 26, 1931 - January 10, 2021

Arthur "Art" Henry Berg, 89, of Spirit Lake passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at his residence in Spirit Lake. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake followed by military funeral honors conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and the John W. Kidd VFW Post #4514. The service will be live streamed on the church's Facebook page. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Masks and social distancing will be required. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in Milford.

Art was born on June 26, 1931 to Joseph and Margaretha (Schrader) Berg in Milford. He graduated from Milford High School and entered the US Air Force. He served his country for 4 years during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he came back to the area to attend college. He earned his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and went on to earn his master's degree in Greeley, CO. After graduation, he became a high school history and Government teacher. He also was a Drivers Ed instructor for many years. He taught in California, Schaller, IA and finished his career teaching in Spirit Lake. On nights and weekends, he enjoyed running a side business of Interior Decorating. He continued to do his work as an interior decorator until the age of 85. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his extended family at holiday gatherings.

He is survived by his brother James Berg of Indiana; sisters Cecilia Jansen of Emmetsburg, IA; and Katheryn Putensen of Dubuque, IA; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings John Berg, Agnes Verow, Charles Berg, Edith Long, Josephine Berg and Ethel Berg.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Service

JAN 16. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FJ

“ *President Berg of Spacious Skies,*

In the 70s you taught me well. As of the 2015s we reconnected and became friends once again. Your influence on a young man endured.

Frank Jaquith

Frank Ryrie Jaquith - January 19, 2021 at 11:03 PM

LR

“ *I am thankful that I had Mr. Berg for driver's ed. He always made sure we had our seatbelts on which ended up saving my life in a car accident a few years later. I'll always remember him for that.*

Laura A. Rist - January 14, 2021 at 10:53 PM

AM

“ *Mr. Berg was my one of my favorite teachers. We would always comment on that he never wore the same outfit to school in a year.*



Andrea Mertens - January 14, 2021 at 04:10 PM

JF

“ *Jon Farrell lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg*



Jon Farrell - January 14, 2021 at 07:51 AM

JF

His government class was one of the best classes I ever took at any level of education. He had a great sense of humor and was always a pleasure to talk both in and out of the classroom.

SLHS Class of 84

Jon Farrell - January 14, 2021 at 07:53 AM

JB

“ Joe Berg lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Joe Berg - January 14, 2021 at 06:53 AM



“ Matthew Hawn lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Matthew Hawn - January 14, 2021 at 05:18 AM

JN

“ When you were in Mr. Berg's class, there was no doubt who was in charge. He was strict, but fair so you toed the line. This is something sorely missed today.

*Over the years I've often recalled one of the subtle messages he shared which was that in real life things aren't always going to go as we'd like. A good life lesson.
Rest in peace Mr. Berg.*



JEFF NEWELL - January 14, 2021 at 12:26 AM

JB

“ *Jonnie Berg lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg*



Jonnie berg - January 13, 2021 at 11:29 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Krueger lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg*



Kathy krueger - January 13, 2021 at 08:43 PM

RS

“ *Mr. Berg was a teacher who was dedicated to the betterment of the lives of his students. He was professional and fair in the performance of his duties.*

My condolences to his family,

*Capt Rich Selberg, Delta Air Lines, Retired
Schaller HS Class of 1966*

Rich Selberg - January 13, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *Mr. Berg was a great man and even better teacher. The life lessons he taught became a cornerstone of my life and helped me grow and mature as time went on.*

Gary Mills - January 13, 2021 at 06:32 PM

LA

“ Art was a great colleague, friend, and neighbor. We will always treasure the friendship we shared with him.

Lynn & Barb Anderson



Lynn Anderson - January 13, 2021 at 05:02 PM

AE

“ Angela (Osdoba) Ericson lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Angela (Osdoba) Ericson - January 13, 2021 at 04:18 PM

LH

“ Mr. Berg was a great teacher. He was tough but also approachable and patient. He would always make time to explain something if I had any questions. Since he had so many students over the years, I was impressed that he remembered my name when I would see him around the area. You will be missed Mr. Berg and always respected. Rest In Peace.



Lorinda Humphrey - January 13, 2021 at 01:27 PM

GH

“ Gary & Nancy Hamer



Gary & Nancy Hamer - January 13, 2021 at 11:37 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joanne Stoner - January 13, 2021 at 11:33 AM

DB

“ My sympathy to the family.
I was a student of his at Spirit Lake high school.



Dayle Broocks - January 13, 2021 at 11:04 AM

KP

“ Katie Putensen lit a candle in memory of
Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Katie Putensen - January 13, 2021 at 06:44 AM

MS

“ Mr. Berg was quite the task master in his government class, the one that all seniors needed to take and pass. You always knew if you were on the right or wrong track with him. Wouldn't it be fun to talk with him now about the constitution, the various arms of our government and current affairs? Rest in peace Mr. Berg, you were a good and faithful educator to young people.

Marsha L Smeltzer - January 12, 2021 at 09:56 PM

DR

“ Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Doug and Barb Ricke - January 12, 2021 at 09:30 PM

KK

“ Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Karen Krieger - January 12, 2021 at 08:58 PM

KA

“ Loved Mr Berg ~ he was one of my favorites when I transferred to SLHS. RIP Mr Berg

Kay - January 12, 2021 at 08:21 PM

FO

“ Floyd Ogle lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Floyd Ogle - January 12, 2021 at 06:05 PM

RN

“ Even though Art is my mother's cousin, I didn't get a chance to know him well, and that is my fault for not taking the opportunity. But, his sister Agnes Vierow always had good things to say of him, and he was interesting to talk to on the few occasions we interacted. I know he was a handy person on many levels. May the angels lead you to paradise Art!

Rebecca Novak - January 12, 2021 at 03:22 PM

BN

Art is my cousin, One of many but a special friend and we loved him with all our hearts. He was so special to me. He had many experiences with travel and going to different places that were so interesting. He brought his knowledge about them to us . he was always interesting to talk to and to visit with. He is dancing with the angels and smiling with his Savior.

Barbara Novak - January 12, 2021 at 10:34 PM

 Sheryl Ogle

“ Sheryl Ogle lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Sheryl Ogle - January 12, 2021 at 02:05 PM

DK

“ David Koepp lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



David Koepp - January 12, 2021 at 01:28 PM

JS

“ Jeff And Andrea Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - January 12, 2021 at 10:22 AM

AC

“ Alex Christenson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg.



Alex Christenson - January 12, 2021 at 10:16 AM

CL

“ Connie Duhn Lenox lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Connie Duhn Lenox - January 12, 2021 at 10:10 AM

MJ

“ Mary Ann Larry Jansen lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Mary Ann Larry Jansen - January 12, 2021 at 09:16 AM

SS

“ Art was a great teacher and loyal faculty member with all of us from the old team. We definitely need more of his discipline to restore order in our confused world. Stan and Rhea Sybesma

Stan Sybessma - January 12, 2021 at 09:12 AM

TA

“ One of the last true conservative educators. Art will always be in my memories.

Tony Andersen - January 12, 2021 at 07:15 AM

DR

“ Don And Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Don and Jean Reed - January 12, 2021 at 01:08 AM

MP

“ Mavis Palmer lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



mavis palmer - January 11, 2021 at 11:34 PM

WK

“ Our sympathies to Mr. Berg's family. We had Mr. Berg for driver's ed and government classes. We would see him many years later and still be greeted by our names. Remarkable.



Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen - January 11, 2021 at 10:09 PM

RR

“ He was a great teacher!! Could definitely tell when the Military background came in... He was firm and strict, which earned him respect by many. My thoughts and prayers for his family 🙏



Rhonda Roseboom - January 11, 2021 at 08:36 PM

PB

“ Paul Bakke lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Paul Bakke - January 11, 2021 at 08:08 PM

PB

Great guy n great teacher

Paul Bakke - January 11, 2021 at 08:09 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Ascheman lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg*



Brenda Ascheman - January 11, 2021 at 08:01 PM

JH

“ *Johnny Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg*



Johnny Huntsinger - January 11, 2021 at 07:54 PM

DG

“ *Denise Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg*



Denise Gilmore - January 11, 2021 at 07:09 PM

EG

“ *I taught with Art for a number of years at SLHS. I also took tickets with Art at football games. I called it the Art Berg School of Ticket taking. He was firm but fair. He took his teaching seriously also. Since Art retired I would see him occasionally at retired teacher activities and at the grocery store & Walmart. He thought both places were great places to get his walks in. I haven't seen Art for several years but have good memories of working with him.*

Elaine Greer - January 11, 2021 at 06:28 PM

BB

“ Beverly Hargrave Berkland lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Beverly Hargrave Berkland - January 11, 2021 at 05:30 PM

SH

“ Steven Hanson lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Steven Hanson - January 11, 2021 at 05:04 PM

DW

“ Diane Warburton sent a virtual gift in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Diane Warburton - January 11, 2021 at 04:57 PM

JJ

“ James R. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



James R. Jackson - January 11, 2021 at 04:57 PM

DS

“ Dean And Susan Schoning lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Dean and Susan Schoning - January 11, 2021 at 04:41 PM

MJ

“ Mary Ann And Larry Jansen lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Mary Ann and Larry Jansen - January 11, 2021 at 04:34 PM

KF

“ Ken And Terri Farmer lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Ken and Terri Farmer - January 11, 2021 at 04:09 PM

TF

Had Mr Berg for government and drivers ed- great teacher. Also our neighbor for a few years when we lived in town. He had the perfect lawn and plantings! Rest In Peace Mr Berg!

Terri Farmer - January 12, 2021 at 05:30 PM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Arthur
"Art" Henry Berg



Beverly Atwell - January 11, 2021 at 04:08 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Linda Christoffer lit a candle in
memory of Arthur "Art" Henry Berg



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - January 11, 2021 at 03:32 PM