



## Richard Fehlman

June 16, 1946 - March 21, 2014

Dr. Richard Fehlman, age 67 of Spirit Lake, passed away March 21, 2014. Preceded in death by parents George and Katherine Fehlman. Survived by wife of 43 years, Debra Beck Fehlman; daughter, Jessica (Jon) Lewin and son, Pete (Amanda); sisters, Ann Ruehl (Bob) and Elizabeth Fehlman; grandsons, Jack, Thomas and Maxwell Lewin and granddaughter, Eva Fehlman.

Richard graduated from Illinois Benedictine College and received a M.A. and Ph.D. in English Education from the University of Iowa. He taught high school English for 22 years and was a Professor at the University of Northern Iowa for 17 years, where he was a recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1996. The National Telemedia Council also presented him with the Jessie McCause Award for Individual Contribution to Media Literacy in 2004. He loved the Hawkeyes, Panthers, a Manhattan and the creativity in others. A brilliant man who shared his gift with thousands via the classroom. A student and teacher to the end, Dr. Fehlman is loved and missed by the family, friends, colleagues and students that he loved. A memorial service will be held in Geneseo, Illinois this summer.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Fehlman*

May 04, 2014 at 07:42 PM



“ *Deb--We were so sorry to read about your husband's death. He sounded like a wonderful person! We send our sincerest sympathy.*

**Lisa & Dave Vermedahl** - April 03, 2014 at 04:03 PM



“ *Debbie and Family, I want to express my deepest sympathy to each one of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless and comfort you. With sincere sympathy, Kathy Griffith*

**Kathleen Griffith** - March 26, 2014 at 01:38 PM



“ *Rich's vibrant personality and quick wit enlivened many a day at Davenport West High School when he taught there. He motivated students and cared about them. Rich -- a great teacher.*

**Kathy Learn** - March 26, 2014 at 07:25 AM



“ *We'll miss you Richard. A friend for over 50 years. I enjoyed your company and friendship and humor since high school. You had a sense of cool that I always looked up to. My prayers are with Debbie, you and your family.*

**Tom Mulligan** - March 25, 2014 at 06:40 PM

KF

“ *Debbie and family, I was so sorry to hear about Richard's passing. I loved visiting with him and he always made me laugh. Thinking of you all.*

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**Kim Froendt** - March 25, 2014 at 07:55 AM

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“ *Deb, I'm so sorry to see Rich passed away and for the final loss you must endure. Your steadfast love and commitment was an honor to see. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Henry Maidan*

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**Henry** - March 24, 2014 at 02:10 PM

DG

“ *Many memories come to mind. His love for students and his excellent communication skills. I will always remember a wonderful afternoon with Rich and Debbie on their deck overlooking "Big Spirit". Rich loved his family with all his heart. I am a better person for knowing him. Rest in peace dear friend.*

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**David Glime** - March 24, 2014 at 12:39 PM

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“ *Richard Fehlman*

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**marcella and jean lewin** - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 PM

JL

“ *Deb and Family,*

*My sympathies to you all for the loss of Rich. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jeanne Little (Rod Library, UNI)*

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**Jeanne Little** - March 24, 2014 at 08:07 AM

FS

“ *my sympathy to Richards family. Fred really enjoyed visiting with him at Hilltop.the year has brought many changes there this last year. God bless. Fran Schroeter*

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**Fran Schroeter** - March 24, 2014 at 07:47 AM

KE

“ *It meant so much to me that Rich and Matt could be friends. Matt referred to Richard as the coolest person he knew! I enjoyed visiting him at Hilltop.*

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**Karen eichner** - March 21, 2014 at 05:07 PM