



David I. Chickering

June 22, 1937 - September 8, 2020

David I. Chickering, 83 years, of Columbia, IL, and formerly of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO, passed away on September 8, 2020 at The Arbors at Parkway Gardens, Fairview Heights, IL. He was born June 22, 1937, in Ottumwa, IA, son of the late Frank K., and Doris V., nee Johnston, Chickering. He was married to the late Judith A., nee Ellenberger, Chickering. They were married August 9, 1959, in Ottumwa, IA. She had passed away January 17, 2003.

He was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church, where he was active in the Bethany United Methodist Servants and audio visual team. Fondly known as 'Pop', he was an active fan of all Columbia Unit School District sports and all of his grandchildren's sporting events. 'Mr. Chick' served nearly 35 years at the Riverview Gardens School District, St. Louis, MO, as a teacher, coach, principal, and assistant superintendent. After his school district retirement, he and his wife served as campground hosts at Lake Norfolk. His warm, inviting smile never knew a stranger.

Surviving are daughters, Cara L. Dake of Columbia, IL, Jennifer L. (Thane) van Breusegen of Columbia, IL; grandchildren, Evan Dake, Brennen, Keeler, Duncan, Elle, and Hayes van Breusegen; brothers, Jack (Drue) Chickering of Ottumwa, IA, and Chris (Debbie) Chickering of Austin, MN; brothers-in-law, J. Phillip (Sarah) Ellenberger of Houston, TX, and Martin (Lynne) Ellenberger of Pleasant Hill, IA; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by brothers, Max (Jewell) Chickering, and Jay (Nancy) Chickering; along with a sister, Janet (Jim) Walter.

Visitation will be Friday, September 11, 2020, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, at Life Community Church, 626 W. Bottom Ave., Columbia, IL. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday September 11, at the church, with Pastor Allyn Walker, officiating. Interment will follow in the Evangelical St. Paul Cemetery, Columbia, IL. For those unable to attend, please access the service via Life Community Church Youtube, or Facebook page.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Alzheimer's Association of St. Louis, 9370 Olive Street Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63132. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled arrangements.

Cemetery

Evangelical St. Paul Cemetery

Columbia, IL,

Events

SEP **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Life Community Church

626 Bottom Ave., Columbia, IL, US, 62236

SEP **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Cara and Jenny, my heart breaks for your entire family. From softball at Surrey Lane to doing the morning announcements at Central Junior High. Your Dad was such an amazing man. Dave and Judy were the best. I remember teepeeing your house as they sat in the living room watching TV. Hours later my mom got a call, and it was Mr Chickering telling her even though he didn't catch me me that the job was so good he knew it was me. I was lucky enough to work in his office in high school. We were all blessed to have your amazing parents as role models. May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time. Just know they made a difference in so many lives. Thanks for sharing them with all of us for so many years

Cindy Schuenke - September 11 at 08:32 PM



“ Thanks for the name Uncle David. You always made me and my family feels special when we visited. I always admired your strength, humor and knowledge. Sunita and I stayed with you shortly after getting married and Aunt Judy's passing. Your love of Judy and living life after her death have helped guide me as a husband and father. You shared some life's wisdom and I appreciated you taking the time I loved how your "professor David" side could drive your siblings nuts! Look Chick, a ring.

Love Little David, Sunita, Satyan & Anjali

David Chickering - September 11 at 11:08 AM



“ Mr. Chickering , was my middle school principal. Also my two brothers. Always trying to make law and order in the classrooms walking the halls smiling all the time. You have my sympathies.kathy Bardle Clemons

kathy Clemons - September 10 at 10:55 PM



“ My best memory of brother David, is when Deb and I stayed with Dave and Judy at the campground they worked at in Mt Home, Arkansas. Judy said we're going to go out "Bottle Fishing", we're like.what? Judy was wrapping line and bait around theses plastic bottles, we went out in the boat, threw out the bottles. The next morning we went out early and boy was it foggy, Dave was driving the boat, and remembered where the bottles were! If they were standing straight up, there was a catfish at the other end!! We've never had so much fun as we did that week!
It was the best Bond Dave and I ever had! We will miss you so much!
Your baby brother
Chris and Deb.....



“ When I was teaching English and Theatre at the high school, 1972-1984, we did our shows at Central. Dave was a great "landlord" as we took over the cafetorium 3 times a year. When he moved over to the high school, he always did everything in his power to support the teachers and every program. He and Judy were both wonderful, and it was my honor to work with them, and be their friends.
Bob Fowler

Bob Fowler - September 10 at 04:03 PM



“ He represented Riverview Gardens School District well, back in the days while working with Manske Architects in the 80's and 90's. He was always pleasant, professional, thorough and had forethought, checking a myriad of notes he kept in his shirt pocket for details. He made the architect-client relationship enjoyable. The architectural office always made a small gift to clients from the Mound City Nut Co., one time we affixed a holiday greeting to him with one of his quotes: "If If's and butts were candy and nuts, we'd all have a Merry Christmas!" He sure got a kick out of that card! Truly one in a million, he will be missed. God's Peace.

Philip E Lum, AIA - September 10 at 03:41 PM



“ My deepest sympathies for Cara and Family - You all will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I always remember him as the smiling, positive principal and I'm sure he is smiling in Heaven - Until we meet again...
Some words of comfort that we will see him again in Heaven and through eternity

Lisa (Damke) Clayton - September 10 at 02:26 PM



“ Dave was the Assistant Principal at Central Junior High when I was a first year teacher. He was a mentor before mentoring was popular. He was a guide who helped many of us through the rough waters of a first year in the classroom. He was gentle in his criticism and strong in his encouragement. We truly missed him when he left for the High School.

One memory most of us share is his famous folding schedule board, which was never revealed to the staff until check out day. We anxiously awaited the news of what our schedule would be for the next year. He had worked on it for months. In my many years of teaching I seemed to have a knack for scheduling. Maybe now I know where that came from.

I extend my condolences to his daughters and his whole family. Losing such a beautiful soul is so difficult. You are in my prayers.

Kathy Blakely - September 10 at 01:09 PM



“ Kathy expressed quite well her experiences with MR. Chickering as a first year teacher. I had the same "mentoring" experiences during my first years of teaching at Central Junior High. My condolences to his family.

Nancy Robb - September 10 at 03:23 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers going out to Cara and Jennifer and their families . Mr. Checkering was my principal and Mrs. Checkering was my cheerleading coach. They were surely loved by all then and still today I sure miss those daysSandy (Kaufman) Rocco

Sandy Rocco - September 10 at 12:15 PM



“ He was my high school principal. I did not spend a lot of time with him, but the time I did spend with him was tremendously impactful. His style of leadership allowed you to be your best self in his presence and beyond. Thank you for the lessons you taught me. Sending love and encouragement to his family. Charles Monroe

Charles Monroe - September 10 at 12:09 PM



“ Recently I was digging through some old keepsakes and found a high school report card of mine. There was a note on it saying "Nice Job!" Signed D Chickering. He was always encouraging. Sending peace to his daughters and their family. Heather Cushing

Heather Cushing - September 10 at 08:39 AM



“ Ramona Williams lit a candle in memory of David I. Chickering





“ Cara and Jenny, so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers. You dad was there for me when nobody else was. I will always remember him for being a stand up educator.

David Bauer

David Bauer - September 09 at 10:05 PM



“ Mr. Chickering was a principal at Central Junior High back in when I was there 66 to 69. He had the nicest smile. Many years later I ran into him and he still remembered me! I was impressed. May he rest in peace. Jean Evans

Jean Evans - September 09 at 09:35 PM



“ Mr. Chickering caught me playing around in the hall one day after the tardy bell had rung. He took me to his office and gave me a good talking to. He encouraged me to stop playing around with my education. He helped me understand that I would have to deal with the decisions I made not others. I took his words to heart and buckled down on my courses. I went on to work in education and I can't count the times I encouraged students the way Mr. Chickering encouraged me. My prayers to the family for peace and comfort at this time. Glenda (Bowen) Fields RGHS '82

Glenda (Bowen) Fields - September 09 at 09:32 PM



“ Mr Chickering always had a smile and a hello for us students. Super class act! Prayers for the family. You will be remembered

Darlene Schultz Spell - September 09 at 09:18 PM



“ Mr. Chickering and wife Judy Chickering lived across from me in the circle. Mr Chickering was my assistant principal at RG high. His wife was my health teacher. They were good people. Always had a smile on their face.



Marty Schulenberg - September 09 at 09:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. I have very fond memories of Mr. Chickering (and Mrs) from high school. Prayers to Cara and the family..

Ed Campbell - September 09 at 09:15 PM



“ I remember Dave when I was a student at Riverview and then years later as a first year teacher. He was always. Very cheerful and kind! He had a great smile,

Deepest sympathy during this time, know he is joining fellow teachers from Riverview

Elaine Hunt - September 09 at 08:47 AM



“ Nora Schorman lit a candle in memory of David I. Chickering



Nora Schorman - September 09 at 07:45 AM



“ so very sorry my condolanc to your family

Nora Schorman - September 09 at 07:48 AM



“ Cara, Jenny, Thane and Grandchildren,
Dad and I have wonderful memories with your Dad and our family get together's. He was the one that made the Bellfontine Methodist Church Fall Festivals successful year after year. Dad and I would go up and help them stir applebutter on, Saturday

mornings. I will always remember him as Uncle Dave.

Dad and I hope we can attend the visitation and service, on Friday. We have a Memorial Service, at Jefferson Barrack's that morning. We will leave there as soon as the Memorial Service, is over.

We pray that GOD gives all of you the strength you need too know that your Dad is, at Peace and in His Heavenly Home.

Bob and Donna Shelker



Bob and Donna Shelker - September 08 at 10:23 PM



“ Mr. Chickering was an amazing person. Its as if he knew all of his students by name and was there to greet us all with a smile or give us a "go get em" every day. You have touched many lives and will be dearly missed. Prayers to your family



Kristen Anderson - September 08 at 10:22 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Upon my first meeting with Dave, I was struck by his sweet nature, his beaming smile and his deep love for family. I will miss my brother in law...

Lynne M Melssen - September 08 at 10:18 PM



“ I am proud to say that I am one of the many lives touched and shaped by Mr. and Mrs. Chickering. My condolences to the beautiful family that they leave behind.





Tina Huss - September 08 at 10:11 PM