Hal G. Lyness  
(May 24, 1925 - February 1, 2009)

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<td>San Antonio, TX</td>
<td>February 10, 2009 6:09 AM</td>
<td>As a teacher now, he is one who I look up to. He was a terrific teacher and his love for this life showed every day.</td>
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<td>Erik Miles</td>
<td>Cedar Rapids, IA</td>
<td>February 10, 2009 12:38 AM</td>
<td>Mr. Lyness was the teacher who influenced me more than any other. I even obtained a major in social studies and still take notes in the way I learned in 8th Grade American History. The way he related history brought it alive. I am greatful I happened to run into Mr. Lyness and Betty in Chicago last summer and had a chance to visit. If Boone or Iowa has a teacher Hall of Fame, Mr. Hal Lyness would be voted in his first year of eligibility. Its a blessing to have had him as a teacher.</td>
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<td>R. D. Morgan</td>
<td>Haskell, Oklahoma</td>
<td>February 9, 2009 6:44 PM</td>
<td>What a grand human being, inspirational teacher, citizen and role model. Over the past forty years he entered my mind from time to time causing me to smile at the warm memory of the one teacher who made school fun.</td>
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<td>Bill Wallace</td>
<td>Hastings, Michigan</td>
<td>February 9, 2009 6:40 PM</td>
<td>Coach Lyness was one of the most influential figures of my teenage years. I learned more from him than he realized, though I hope that he knew how important he was to me. My sincerest sympathy to the entire family. May God give you strength. Bill Wallace</td>
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<td>margie deuel hedren - BHS Class of 1968</td>
<td>Minneapolis, MN</td>
<td>February 9, 2009 9:55 AM</td>
<td>Mr Lyness was one in a million and will live on in our hearts and minds always. He was so present, so focused and passionate, he just infused us with his zest for life and learning. What a mind and what a presence he carried. He inspired us with his many great qualities and had a powerful influence in our lives. And I remember being inspired by the way he treated Betty, with special</td>
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respect. He never seemed to take anything for granted, and especially not her. He was just such a dapper guy! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Betty, Topper, Ellen, Chris and Becky, and all who are touched by this great man's passing. Class of 1968

**kathy svaleson**  
Boone, Ia  
February 9, 2009 6:07 AM

**Steve & Sonya (Mason) Whitfield**  
Boone, Iowa  
February 8, 2009 5:16 PM

**Nancy Buckles- Bennett**  
February 8, 2009 2:00 PM

**JAN LARSON**  
BOONE, IA  
February 7, 2009 9:07 PM

Dear Betty and Family

Our deepest sympathy, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We couldn't have asked for any nicer neighbors than Hal and Betty Lyness. When we moved back home from living out in Arizona for the last 20 years it made it so I wasn't so home sick for everyone there. We could just step outside and visit with Hal while he was in the garden tending to his beautiful flowers, or picking the weeds, or picking up those darn acorns one by one. Or I could look out and watch him shoo the chipmunks and squirrels away that wanted to eat his tulips and lilys that he worked so hard on getting in the ground. I want to also thank Mr. Lyness for being such a wonderful 10th grade history teacher. He was always a sharp dressed man, and always an inspiration and such a book of knowledge. From the Class of 1986 (BHS) Love from all of us, Steve, Sonya, Trevor & Nicolas Whitfield & (Puppy too) Hal's furry friend!!

BETTY, You are in my prayers. I had Hal in school and was favorite teacher. Enjoyed working with you at OES.

The world has lost an exceptional human being. My sincerest condolences to Betty and family, and a thank you to all of you for sharing Mr. Lyness with us all these years. His care and concern for his students went well beyond the classroom. I am at a loss to
Cindy (Fairchild) Kramer BHS '88
Mason City, Iowa
February 6, 2009 11:33 PM

put into words how much he meant to me but I think the enormous response from so many people is a true testament to his character and the dedication that Mr. Lyness had to all his students. What an example he is for all of us. I am grateful for many fond memories and will treasure them forever. (I still remember when he drove all the way to Chariton to take me out to lunch from my very first teaching job.) Peace be with this man of true character who exemplified only the highest demeanor at all times. We are all better people for having known him.

Mark Sifrit
Colorado Springs, CO
February 6, 2009 5:19 PM

I am deeply saddened at the passing of Mr. Lyness. The world was a much richer place with him around, and all of those he touched in his amazing life are even that much richer for the experience. Absolutely the greatest teacher I have encountered as a student or parent. Mr. Lyness made learning easy; he taught complex topics (economic and international topics) in a way everyone could understand him. He prepared me well for college, but more importantly for life. I was so blessed to have him as a teacher and coach. He will be remembered forever as the greatest at what he did. I offer my condolences to his family, friends, and my fellow students who knew him so well. Mark - BHS 1982

Gretta (Ray) Geneser - 1971
West Des Moines, IA
February 6, 2009 8:16 AM

Mr. Lyness was, without a doubt, the best teacher I ever had. More than 40 years later, I can still vividly see him at the front of the class, passionately speaking about whatever topic was under discussion. Mr. Lyness was teaching about globalization before the term was even coined. I was privileged to be in his first International Topics class - his curriculum was cutting edge for the late 1960's. Our textbook was the U.S. News and World Report. Many of the things he taught in that class turned out to be prophetic and I've thought of him often through the years as world events unfolded. I mourn his passing, but celebrate the thousands of young minds he touched with his enthusiasm for learning and his unique ability to inspire a student to do his/her very best. What a marvelous legacy. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends.
Ann McDermott Shult  
Conway, Arkansas  
February 6, 2009 6:39 AM  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Lyness touched many lives, and I am glad that one of them was mine in 7th grade Civics class in 1957. I believe he was one of the most loved and respected teachers at Boone High - ever. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. Ann McDermott Shult

Barbara Fosdick  
San Diego, CA  
February 6, 2009 3:50 AM  
Hal was the best teacher for history and government. I loved having him when it was an election year. The challenges and debates were awesome. And I learned so-o-o much. He was also so kind to us all in our classes, very interested in every student...very caring. My sister will always cherish the sympathy note and roses he sent when her boyfriend died, just after graduation. Hal was one very special person, and will be remembered by many people for years and years. Our prayers and loving thoughts to your family, From Art and Martha Buechler, Barbara (Buechler,Halpin) Fosdick, Mark Buechler, and Mary (Buechler) Page.(BHS-'67,'70,'73)

Kent Peterson  
Boone Iowa  
February 5, 2009 11:56 PM  
We are sorry for the loss of Hal. He was a great teacher and family man.

Mike & Renee(Dittmer)Scheuermann  
Boone  
February 5, 2009 10:12 PM  
Our sympathy to the family of Mr. Lyness. He has given unforgettable memories to thousands of his students including us. God Bless Mike(1979) & Renee(1980)

Debi Brown Hasstedt
Boone Ia  
February 5, 2009 6:36 PM  Class of 1971

Michael Hasstedt  
Boone Ia  
February 5, 2009 6:35 PM  Class of 1974

Jerrod Kelley  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
February 5, 2009 6:20 PM  Hal was a wonderful teacher and educator and an inspiration for us all. He was a impressive athlete, great soldier and outstanding person who will be missed. Hal and his entire family and network of friends are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Melanie Williams  
Boone Iowa  
February 5, 2009 6:05 PM  There are so many words to describe this great man, but most of all he was a great friend that never ever forgot who you were, and will be forever missed.

Marlys (Ades) Cotton  
Boone  
February 5, 2009 3:40 PM

Caryl Kristianson Telford  
Springfield, MO  
February 5, 2009 3:03 PM  Mrs. Lyness: Sincere sympathy on your husband's passing. I enjoyed the American History class in 1956. He also spoke at our 25th class reunion. Caryl Kristianson Telford Class of 1961

Mrs. Lyness and family: I was very saddened to hear of Hal's passing. He was my favorite teacher, I was always ready to go to his class. All three of my children also had
Linda (Davidson) McGee  
Kansas City, Kansas  
February 5, 2009 2:33 PM

him and loved him, too. He even substituted when my grandson was in school. I don't think I ever heard anyone say an unkind thing about him. Boone was very luck to have him as a great teacher for so long. May he rest in peace always.

Jodi (Vegors) Geels  
Williamsburg, IA  
February 5, 2009 1:46 PM

Dear Mrs. Lyness, I had mixed emotions when I heard the news-so sad to know of his passing, but also happy memories filled my mind. It was an honor having your husband for a teacher before graduating from BHS in 1987. He was constantly encouraging and loving and made me want not only want to do better in school, but also to be a better person. I STILL have the card he gave me at graduation in my little box of memories from way back when. May he rest in peace, and may you find comfort in the hands of our Lord, and just knowing how many loved him and are celebrating his life with you right now. It was an honor knowing him...he touched many lives! Blessings to you and your family. Jodi Vegors-Geels

Denise Riker  
Jewell, IA  
February 5, 2009 1:44 PM

Mr. Lyness touched all of his student's lives and made us better people. He will be missed. My heart goes out to his family and friends.

Grant Veeder  
Waterloo, IA  
February 5, 2009 12:54 PM

My sincere condolences to the family of Hal Lyness. Mr. Lyness was the best teacher I ever had, and I have had many excellent teachers. He awakened in me an interest in history that has burned brightly ever since the eighth grade. His exuberance and his interest in his material were contagious, and it's a virus I never want to shake. Thank you, Mr. Lyness.

Marge Bollenbaugh  
Boone, IA  
February 5, 2009 11:59 AM

Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Hal was always such a wonderful, kind & caring man and always cheerful! He touched so many lives and will be truly missed. Kenny & Marge (Larson) Bollenbaugh
Dear Betty and family, John and I wish to send our sincerely sympathy in the loss of your dear husband, father, and grandfather. Mr. Lyness was a constant and inspirational presence to us through our high school years. He will be dearly missed by all. Our prayers and heart are with you all, Chris and John

MY SYMPATHIES TO YOU ALL I HAVE THE BEST MEMORIES OF MR LYNESS AND ALL THAT HE TAUGHT ME IN THE CLASSROOM AND OUT. THE CLASS OF 1977 ARE THINKING OF HIM TODAY.

I had the privilege of taking American History from Mr. Lyness, a subject he made come alive to me and my classmates of the BHS Class of '67. I was so pleased that a few years ago at our class reunion I got to see him to tell him that I type his name every once in awhile. "Why?: he said. I told him that my office computer uses the question "Who was your favorite teacher" to confirm identity. I answer "Lyness".

Recently I was in our attic when I came upon a box of high school momentos. I still have a semester worth of World Topics and US Economics tests. Across the top, in beautifully poetic writing, he wrote encouraging thoughts like "Well Done!" and "That's my girl!" Isn't that just like him. I still treasure them, 25 years later, because he challenged me to be my best, and expected it. I'm surprised I didn't have a carnation from Valentine's or St. Patrick's day. Now it's his turn. I'm sure Mr. Lyness has received the sweet words he's always longed to hear "Well done good and faithful sevant!" God Bless!

Mr. Lyness was a huge influence in my life. "Excellent Work, Mr. Lyness!" Jen, BHS, 1987

a great mentor and a wonderful teacher that impacted many lives.
Tab Ray  
Waverly  
February 4, 2009 9:21 PM

Jeff Wells  
Boone, Iowa  
February 4, 2009 8:17 PM  
Hal was a wonderful model to me when I came to Boone to teach in 1978. I remember his good natured teasing about the Minnesota Vikings after he knew I came from Minnesota. And, finally, he attended many tennis meets to support his student/athletes and lend tactful advice to me as a young coach.

Susie (Deuel) Juhl  
Portland, Maine  
February 4, 2009 8:03 PM  
To the Lyness Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Lyness was the greatest teacher! I loved his lectures in history class. He was always so positive and uplifting! I will always remember hearing him talk about those "red-letter dates" in history. Mrs. Lyness, Ellen, Becky and Topper you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kent Gragg  
Waterloo, Iowa  
February 4, 2009 7:56 PM  
To the entire Lyness family, Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I just want you to know that Mr. Lyness was one of the greatest inspirations of my life. Whether it was on the athletic field or in his class room, I always strived to be the best I could, because he commanded that kind of respect from me. I remember the first time I was introduced to the workings of the stock market. It was by Mr. Lyness in 8th. grade history class. He encouraged us all to buy a stock on paper and to keep track of its progress. The stock I bought went up and my love for the stock market began right there, a love I maintain to this day. I also thought that after having taken Mr. Lyness's history class that he would have made a great president. I never had the opportunity to express those feelings to Mr. Lyness. I'm sure he would have just laughed, but I still feel that way. There are alot of fond memories and stories that I would like to share with you, but I would need to ramble on forever. I just want you to know that Mr. Lyness was one of those rare individuals who, if you're lucky, cross your path once in a life time. I was very lucky that he crossed my path. He will always have a place in my memories and in my heart. Kent Gragg- BHS Class of 1968.

Mike Morgan  
Kearney, Nebraska  
February 4, 2009 7:41 PM  
Mr. Lyness was an amazing teacher. My interest in government
was a result of his bringing politics to life. I never felt prouder than when I got a C- on a paper. His personal notes made me want to do better. God Bless!

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**Joan Mattingly & Family**  
February 4, 2009 6:23 PM  
We all know Hal loved WORDS! He used them to capacity in his roles of student, educator, sportsman, husband, father, grandfather, friend and so much more. The instructions regarding the writing of this message tell us that the maximum to use is 250 words. Oh, that we could limit to that our feelings of deep sadness and sincere sympathy to you, Betty, and to your family! Our loss is Heaven's gain!

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**Brian Pestotnik**  
Statesville, NC  
February 4, 2009 4:31 PM  
I am saddened by the news of Mr. Lyness's passing. I enjoyed him as a teacher and a friend. Mr. Lyness was one of the most concerned teachers I had. I remember just a few years ago stopping by the school and seeing Mr. Lyness substitute teaching. He made it a point to come out of the classroom and greet me once he saw me in the hallway. A unique thing about Mr. Lyness is that he taught my mom, dad, sister and myself. We all could share memories of him. I am now a teacher and try to be involved in my students lives like he was. He many times remembered my own tennis statistics better than I did. He loved students and Boone sports. I will miss seeing him when I come home to Boone. He will be greatly missed by many. The family will be in my prayers. B. Pestotnik Class of '90.

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**Lauren Taylor**  
Clear Lake IA  
February 4, 2009 4:22 PM  
Mr. Lyness was as great a friend as he was an educator. One of the greatest men of "The Great Generation". I was blessed to have known and been influenced by him.

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**Jo Ann Hendricks**  
St Paul MN  
February 4, 2009 3:48 PM  
My condolences "Topper" to you and your family.

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**Lynn Schoof Lauer**  
West Union, IA  
February 4, 2009 3:13 PM  
I am so sorry to hear that Mr Lyness has passed away. He is a man
that will truly be missed but fondly remembered by those who knew him. I would like to share my sympathies with all his family.

Tom Burke
Belmar, NJ
February 4, 2009 2:50 PM

I wish to express condolences to the family. Hal was one of those few teachers at BHS that truly inspired me to work harder, and prompt greater understanding. My first exposure was 8th grade civics, but I was always ready to say hello, and give a wave to one of Boone's true educators.

Tony & Sandy (Burke) Crandell
Lamoni, IA
February 4, 2009 2:28 PM

Mr. Lovin was one of the very best teachers that I ever had! He made history come alive and taught it in a way that it was fun. I have loved history ever since! I remember the history "bees" that we had. He was always kind and friendly, and yet absolutely fair in grading, etc. The class of '61 was his first class at BHS and we all loved him very much. Our sympathy to family & friends. I know he will be greatly missed. Sandy Crandell

Jay Larson
Boone, IA
February 4, 2009 2:13 PM

Betty and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Hal was such an inspiration to all that knew him. Whether you were a student, an athlete, or a fellow teacher...he was always there to give help, leadership, and advice. He was my teacher, my coach, and a person that I always looked up to. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. My condolences. God Bless.

Jean Doran, Jennifer and Jeff
Ogden, IA
February 4, 2009 1:53 PM

Dear Betty, Mr. Lyness was an amazing man...an impeccable man, in dress and demeanor, an inspiration to all. He took time to actually know his students and, as a parent and teacher myself, I truly appreciated his dedication to his charges. When he came to Jen's college graduation at Iowa, he really bowled us over. I know Jen, now living in Houston, is so sorry she cannot be here for his funeral. She talks of him fondly and holds him in such high regard. God bless you all and know we share your sorrow.
Becky (Dennert) Seidl  
Joplin, Missouri  
February 4, 2009 1:30 PM  
My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I will always fondly remember Mr. Lyness as my favorite teacher of all time. When I told him I was going to major in accounting in college, he told me that I wouldn't like it. It took me 5 semesters to figure that out for myself and change my major. He was a man with terrific insight into every student he encountered. He touched so many lives and his legacy will live on through each one of us. God bless all of you for sharing him with us.

Sue Manderscheid Roholt  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
February 4, 2009 1:18 PM  
Mr Lyness was one of the most gifted and dedicated teachers I have ever encountered. I can still see him in front of the blackboard, covered with his beautiful handwriting, working as hard as he could to instill in the students some of his passion for learning. He was inspirational in my education. My heart goes out to his family for their loss of his energy and presence in the family.

**Guest Book**

Scott Galeazzi  
Mahtomedi, MN (Currently deployed in Iraq)  
February 4, 2009 12:52 PM  
Betty and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Hal, he was a great and amazing man. I always enjoyed talking with him when I would come back home to Boone. I always enjoyed being a student of his and I will take his lessons and try to live them to fullest in my life to honor his legacy. I'm sorry I cannot be their to give my condolences personally. Deepest Sympathy and God Bless, SFC Scott Galeazzi Class of 1990

Dennis Miller  
Abilene, TX  
February 4, 2009 12:31 PM  
Best, most enjoyable teacher I had growing up in Boone. Could make American history come alive as no one else could and a wonderful person as well. BHS class of 1968.

Kim Miller  
Rogers, Arkansas  
February 4, 2009 11:45 AM  
Mr. Lyness was a great teacher and will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. He was also a great friend to all.

Darci Newcomb  
My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Lyness. He was a great inspiration to us all. He inspired us to be the best we
Boone  
February 4, 2009 10:30 AM  
can be always. I am honored to call him my teacher and my friend.

Darci Newcomb  
Boone  
February 4, 2009 10:27 AM  
Mr. Lyness was a fantastic teacher and mentor. I am honored to have known him and will cherish his memory. My prayers are with the family as they honor and grieve the loss of a great husband, father, grandfather, and man.

Rich Dickeson  
Glenwood, Ia  
February 4, 2009 9:31 AM  
Coach Lyness was the best history teacher I ever had. He instilled in me a love of history and a desire to do my best in school. I have told many many people that the only person I remebered who influenced me the most as a student to do my best and excel was Hal Lyness. He should have been the national teacher of the year. I am sure all of us who had him as a American History teacher during an election year, know how much he taught us about our country and the election process. The things he taught me are still with me today. There should be more Hal Lyness in this world. Rich Dickeson, Boone High Class of 1969 May God's grace be upon his family and loved ones.

Greg Kise  
Ankeny, IA  
February 4, 2009 8:46 AM  
Mr. Lyness was one of a kind. A great teacher who inspired me to do my best in school. He will be greatly missed but his influence will live on for generations.

Jon and Jeanette Walczyk  
La Quinta, California  
February 3, 2009 11:29 PM  
Dear Betty and Family, Jon and I were so shocked and sad to hear the news of Hal's passing. We had 4 e-mails in 15 minutes out here telling us the news. You can tell when a good gentle,caring person leaves us-- word travels fast. Jon and i both feel proud and grateful to have known and worked w/Hal. he was an inspiration to all of us @ Boone High. I know you and the kids know that. We want you to know we are thinking of you from far away and sharing your sorrow with YOU! Sincerely, Jon and Jeanette Walczyk

Monica Nystrom McHugh  
Zwingle, IA  
February 3, 2009 10:53 PM  
Dear Betty and family - I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Lyness touched many lives of his students and I was very blessed to be one of those students. He was one of the most respected and enjoyable teachers at BHS. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
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<td>Arizona</td>
<td>I was very honored to teach with Hal at Boone HS. He was the greatest communicator I have ever known. He always had a smile and an encouraging remark. He will be greatly missed! Sorry we cannot be there for the memorial service. Our prayers will be with Betty and family.</td>
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<td>Lori Lind Wildeman</td>
<td>Boone, Iowa</td>
<td>Mr. Lyness was one of my favorite teachers. Everyone I know who attended BHS knew him and wanted to take a class from him. I was lucky enough to take the International relations class and really enjoyed it. I was amazed at the extent of his knowledge about things so far removed from small town Iowa. He was truly a dedicated educator and I'm glad that my kids also had him as a (substitute) teacher. I live in his neighborhood and always saw him out in the yard when the weather was nice. He always took the time to wave or say hello when I was out walking or driving past. He will be greatly missed. God bless you in your time of sympathy.</td>
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<td>Melissa Anderson-Spencer</td>
<td>Roland, Iowa</td>
<td>Mr. Lyness was an incredible teacher, mentor, and friend to me. He was the best teacher any student could ever have had. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers to the family as you go through this difficult time.</td>
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<td>Vickie (Burke) Scott</td>
<td>Stratford, IA</td>
<td>I will always remember Mr. Lyness while I was in school. I never had him as my teacher, but he was always very nice to me and all my friends. I graduated from Boone High in 1981. Still, to this day, he will be remembered as &quot;Mr. Lyness....when he turns sideways....he's gone.&quot; Always so skinny. I am now 46 years old and I still call all my teachers Mr., Mrs. and Miss. Please know I will always remember Mr. Lyness. May God bless you at this time of grief. Vickie (Burke) Scott 515-230-0168 Stratford, IA 50249</td>
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<td>Kari &amp; Erich Kretzinger</td>
<td>Boone, IA</td>
<td>Betty and family: We are thinking of you and praying that you feel God's presence and peace during this sad time. Hal will be missed greatly as he was known and respected by a lot of people!</td>
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We wish to express our deepest sorry for your loss. So sorry
Kenneth Hopkins  
Altoona, Iowa 50009  
February 3, 2009 3:53 PM

that we cannot be there with you, but under the circumstances I am sure you understand. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we may do for you. Carolyn Petersen Ken Hopkins

Doug Dodd  
Boone High School  
February 3, 2009 3:52 PM

Dear Lyness Family, I was so sad to here about Mr. Lyness' passing. While teaching here during the past 14 years, Hal has subbed for me many times and I am privileged to have known him. His youthfulness and enthusiasm was contagious for students and teachers alike. Like my students, I learned many life lessons from Mr. Lyness and he was a true model of life-long-learning. He will be greatly missed, but I would like to thank your family for sharing him with us. His legacy is truly an inspiration.

Dave Swenson  
Boone  
February 3, 2009 3:37 PM

I'm going to miss Hal so much. He helped me a great deal in my first years of teaching. It was an honor and a pleasure to know him and to teach his grandchildren. I'll miss our annual bets on the Minnesota VS Iowa games. He always called me "Gopher" in reference to my Minnesota background.

Pat Olofson  
Kuwait  
February 3, 2009 2:51 PM

What an inspiring teacher and a great coach. He brought out the best in everyone and taught me alot about football, American History and even more about life.

James McPartland  
Boone  
February 3, 2009 2:50 PM

Hal was one of a kind and we will sure miss him at the high school in Boone. I loved to talk sports and politics with him. He was the type of person that just loved life and being around other people and especially students.

Scott Kiesel  
Boone  
February 3, 2009 2:47 PM  
I first got to meet Hal at the HS where he was a substitute. At the time it was my first year here but Hal remembered me from our initial conversation and always had pleasant things to say. My gosh what a catalog of knowledge he was!! The stories he could tell were truly a gift to all of those fortunate enough to visit with him. His kindness and intellect will always be something I will remember and cherish. He was a very special person.
Thomas Leonard  
Boone, IA  
February 3, 2009 2:44 PM  
In High School, College and Graduate School, Mr. Lyness was the finest teacher I ever had. Twenty-four years after graduating from Boone High School, his many lessons continue to be a guide and an inspiration. A wonderful man, who enlightened so many, he will be dearly missed.