



## Warren B. Messman

October 11, 1915 - March 9, 2016

Warren B. Messman, 100, of Papillion, NE and formerly of Kearney, NE died Wednesday, March 09, 2016 at Hillcrest Country Estates in Papillion, NE. Funeral services will be Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Rev. Gary Main will officiate. Burial will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation is planned March 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Memorials in lieu of flowers can be made to the Messman Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund at the University of Nebraska at Kearney or First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Warren was born October 11, 1915 in Strang, NE to Jesse and Iva (Brown) Messman. He grew up on a farm near Hebron then attended Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney from 1936-1937 and returned in 1939 after teaching at country schools in Thayer and Fillmore counties. His education was again interrupted in 1941 by his assignment to the War Department as an instructor of aircraft maintenance and later in flight engineering. He returned to Kearney in 1946 to complete his bachelor of arts in education. On May 20, 1942 he married Mable M. Clark in Lewellen, NE, she passed away in 2012. After teaching several years in Aberdeen, SD he returned in 1953 to what is now the University of Nebraska at Kearney as an instructor in the Industrial Arts Department. In 1963, he completed his doctorate and served as Professor of Industrial Education at

UNK, teaching industrial arts and safety education. He was department head from 1969-1973 and served on the Graduate Council from 1963 until he retired in 1981. Warren was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Kearney. He also belonged to the National Education Association, Nebraska State Education Association, American Industrial Arts Association, Nebraska Industrial Education Association, Buffalo County Historical Society and the Ft. Kearney Genealogical Society. Surviving relatives include daughters and sons-in-law, Lorene Marie (Sam) Bliss of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Marcia Fae (John) O'Donovan of Omaha; four grandchildren, Kember (John) Kane of Silver Spring, MD, Freeman White III of Venice CA, Jessica (Jason) Scheopner of Omaha and Betsy O'Donovan of Boston, MA, seven great-grandchildren; sister Faye Van Boskirk of Omaha, NE; sister-in-law, Neva Richter of Kearney, NE and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Warren B. Messman*

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January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *As a group, we have known Warren in the legacy he left in his granddaughter, Betsy. Reading about his life as an accomplished teacher, academic and thinker, its easy to see the impact his life had on his children and grandchildren. Betsy continues his efforts in her teaching and mentorship of young journalists and her unrelenting attitude that people are smart and kind and worthy.*

*In a time of grief for your family, may it be some solace that Warren lives on in the enlightened, compassionate family he leaves here on earth. Were sending our warmest wishes for peace to all of you who knew and loved him.*

*With love,  
AIR Staff*

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**AIR Staff** - March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Messman Family,*

*My Thoughts & Prayers, along with my Condolences, go out to all of you on the passing of Warren. It has been a privilege getting to know Warren over time, as a Hospice Volunteer thru Hillcrest Hospice.*

*I enjoyed my conversations with him and the incredible life he lived! I had the opportunity to meet one of his daughters and learned about his past and many accomplishments. One of my sons attended UNK and is now teaching in the Omaha Millard Public Schools.*

*Thanks Again...*

*GODSPEED,*

*Manny Falcon  
Hillcrest Hospice Volunteer*

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**Manny Falcon** - March 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry to read of Dr. Messmans passing. He was a great man, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Rest in Peace, Dr. Messman. Mable was waiting for you to join her! Love, Nancy*

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**Nancy Ward** - March 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Im sending love and prayers your way. I know how hard this is but be comforted knowing that he is now with your mom again, in a perfect place, in a perfect time, in the warm glow of God. Hugs.*

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**Roberta Willet** - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ We extend our warmest greetings and sincere expressions of sympathy to Warrens family as they celebrate his life. Warren typified the writers query: "What do we live for if not to make life better for others"? Warrens love of family and life of service and generosity of time and talents to others were remarkable. We regret that we are in Arizona for the winter and unable to attend his memorial service. Tom and Mary York

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**Mary and Tom York** - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM