



## Leslie "Les" J. Chaloupka

September 26, 1922 - August 23, 2007

Leslie J. Chaloupka, 84, of 122 Fanna Street, Fond du Lac, died Thursday, August 23, 2007, at Hospice Home of Hope. He was born a son of Adolph J. and Mildred Strouf Chaloupka on September 26, 1922 in Manitowoc County. Leslie married F. Louise Johnston on June 5, 1948 at First Presbyterian Church, Oshkosh. He was a graduate of Mishicot High School Class of 1939. He attended Manitowoc County Normal School, graduating in 1941. Les taught at Lakeside School, a rural one room school, in Manitowoc County prior to serving in the U.S. Army 252nd Field Artillery Battalion from 1943-1946. He served in the European Theater of Operation. Les returned to Oshkosh Teacher's College earning a Bachelor of Science Degree. He also earned a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Les taught school for seven years at Lincoln and McKinley Schools, Fond du Lac, and also five years in Racine. He was the principal at Washington, Fahey, and Chegwin Elementary Schools from 1960-1984 until his retirement. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac, where he served as an Elder, Deacon, and choir member. He also served as Clerk of Session and was a representative to Winnebago Presbytery. Les was a member of the National Education Association, Wisconsin Education Association, Wisconsin Elementary Principals Association, and Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Louise; three children: Jean Ann (Mark) Scherer of Appleton, John (Janet) Chaloupka of Ormond Beach, Florida, Susan (Joe) Herman of Appleton; nine grandchildren: Sara and Benjamin

Scherer, Beth (Cory) Mohr, Abigail and Drew Herman, Clinton (Jessica) Chaloupka, Justin (Jennifer) Chaloupka, Scott (Sally) Hastings, Todd (Cheryl) Hastings; two great-grandchildren: William Mohr and Madison Hastings; a brother, Allan (Kathleen "Katie") Chaloupka of Denmark, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Joan Alioto and Elaine LaViolette. A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2007, at First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Barbara Carmichael officiating. Private burial will take place in Melnik Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Melnik, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

# Tribute Wall

GE

“ My memories go way back to when Mr. Chaloupka was a teacher at McKinley school. I was not only new to the school but to the city itself. I will always remember his kindness to me and his efforts to make me feel comfortable. I am in my 80's now.

Georgine - November 18, 2024 at 01:25 PM

BM

“ A Special Thanks to All of You!  
Les is my grandfather. I am indebted to him for my mother and our family. He was an amazing man and I am thankful for each of you to share your thoughts. I hope that I can continue to further his legacy of love.

Beth Mohr - August 28, 2007 at 04:32 PM

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Beth Mohr of Fond du Lac, WI - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Thinking of you in your time of loss. Always keep the good memories in your heart.

Jen, John, Nick and Alex Blair - August 25, 2007 at 02:58 PM

L(

“ I was a student at chegwin school in the 1970's. I was classified a "slow learner" but mr.Chaloupka always treated me as if I was the best and brightest.he sent personal sympathys when my mom died. A more caring man will never be found.God certainly has a special angel in his gates. Have faith you will all be together someday and les will be waiting with open arms to greet you.

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**Lynda (lindow)martin** - August 25, 2007 at 01:01 PM

AW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure you have many special memories that will bring a smile to your face; hold onto those memories and share them. Take care of one another.

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**Amy & Randy Wyman** - August 25, 2007 at 12:11 PM

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**Amy & Randy Wyman of Appleton, WI** - August 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

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Sue

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**Sue Hilfiker** - August 24, 2007 at 06:28 PM

EM

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**eleanore mitchell-danner** - August 24, 2007 at 06:07 PM

BF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May our Heavenly Father hold you in the hollow of his hand while you pass through this difficult time of your life.

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**Barbara & Richard Francis** - August 24, 2007 at 04:10 PM

BA

“ Thinking of you - so sorry to hear about Les. Hope to see you this Winter. Fondly Barb and Don

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**Barb and Don Aikenhead** - August 24, 2007 at 03:31 PM

LL

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Les was such a wonderful man to work for...he was like a big brother; always had a kind word and a twinkle in his eye to go along with his warm smile. I have some very dear memories from Washington School & Chegwin. Bless you, Lucy Lakin

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**Lucy & Gordy Lakin** - August 24, 2007 at 01:35 PM

PP

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Les passing. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. I will especially miss his ready smile and warm nature.

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**Peg Peters** - August 24, 2007 at 12:39 PM

CE

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**Christine (Brennan) Ewerdt** - August 24, 2007 at 08:37 AM

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**Sue Hilfiker of Portland IN** - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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