



Edward Grabow

August 29, 1939 - January 2, 2005

Visitation for Edward K. Grabow, 65, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Irving Park Cemetery in Chicago. Memorials may be made to the Bourbonnais Library. He died Sunday (Jan. 2, 2005) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Mr. Grabow had been a teacher since 1961. He had taught music and band since 1965 in Manteno. He had also taught at Indian Oaks Academy. He also served on the Bourbonnais Library Board, where he was chairman of the building committee, and was one of the founders of the Help Your Neighbor Club. He was born Aug. 29, 1939, in Chicago, the son of Edward F. and Helen Corydon Grabow. His parents are deceased. He was married to the former Lorelei Frazer. Surviving are two sons, Edward James Grabow IV and Mark C. Grabow, both of Bourbonnais; one daughter, Kristy Grabow of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Alicia, Josh, Hana and Skyler Grabow; and special friends, Tommy Wolford and Roger Beland, both of Bourbonnais. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Vandercook College of Music in Chicago. Mr. Grabow was a lifetime member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honor Music Fraternity, the National Education Association, and the Illinois and Manteno education associations. He also was a member of the Peotone Masonic Lodge No. 636 since 1964, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, Medinah Temple Shrine, Kankakee Shrine Club and past patron of

the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Bourbonnais Council No. 772 Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree and Bishop McNamara Assembly 4th Degree, past grand knight, past president of Holy Name Society at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and Chicago Historical Society. He was past docent for Chicago Architectural Association and former treasurer of the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival.

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“ ALL I CAN SAY IS I HAVE ONLY KNOWN "MUSIC MAN" FOR THE LAST YEAR OR SO. ĩ½HE WAS WONDERFUL WEATHER HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AS ONE OF OUR PATIENTS OR A VOLANTEER. ĩ½HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND A JOKE. NOTHING WILL EVER BE THE SAME WITHOUT OUR ,"MUSIC MAN".##imported-begin##KATHY DUMAS##imported-end##

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“ Ed was my "Dutch Uncle" and dear friend for over 15 years. ĩ½We shared many laughs and tears through the years and I will miss him terribly. ĩ½He touched many. ĩ½I don't think he could have lived his life without the telephone, we spent countless hours talking about the problems of the world and issues within our lives and the clubs we were both members of. ĩ½I was so fortunate to be able to be there on Friday Dec. 31, 2004, while he was lucid. ĩ½He wanted to have a drink of Harvey's Bristol Creme and I have a bottle that was meant to be shared with him. ĩ½Rest well.##imported-begin##Stephen Schorle##imported-end##

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“ We spent many great weekends enjoying downtown Chicago when I lived there back in the early 90s. I will miss talking with him on the phone and visits to him on my vacations back to Chicago, and his visits back east to visit me.##imported-begin##Harvey Cook##imported-end##

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“ Ed was a gret guy that always knew the meaning of what friendship was about. I never left an event he was at that I didn't have fun and it was always in part because of the things he did to ensure everyone had a good time.

I will miss him !

##imported-begin##Ken Jacobsen, Jr.##imported-end##

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“ Our sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Roger & Shirley Bloomquist##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to read about Ed's passing. I didn't know if he was still working or not. I had some good times in Chorus with him - seems like so long ago - graduated in 1967. He was always a good sport about our teasing and giving him a hard time. Our sympathies to your family. We have lived in Florida for 4 years now and have lost track of some of the Manteno news. Sincerely, Sue Beutien Hoskins##imported-begin##Sue Hoskins (Beutien)##imported-end##

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“ Ed was one of the people I respected very much. He was a great guy, and many people loved him. I did not have many chances to see Ed, but every time I saw him, he was always smiling. He made me smile, too. I miss him.##imported-begin##Yoshinobu Motoyama##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Grabow's Family:

I was a student of your Father. He took time with me and showed me how to play the French Horn. It was a beautiful instrument and as I learned from him, I also learned more about myself. He showed me how I could play my music through my feelings. I recall going to State with other students and when it was my turn to play my piece, he smiled and said " You can do this, I have faith in you". I won 1st place that day. I will always hold that day close to my heart. Mr. Grabow showed me I can accomplish anything all I have to do is try.

He was a great teacher and he will be remembered as a " Teacher of Many ".

Thank you.##imported-begin##Beth (Erickson) Martin##imported-end##

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“ Kristi & Family,

I'm sorry about the loss of your father. I was just checking online about my uncle's funeral and saw that your father had passed away, please contact me if you remember me.... Dana##imported-begin##Dana Soucie (Cwikla)##imported-end##

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“ I am sure you are smiling and amused up there, ED. And you've probably helped someone already. We won't forget you here, where you were a great friend to all and a fun person.

Truely you were a gentle man as well as a gentleman.

##imported-begin##Peter Fiske##imported-end##

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“ I am saddened by his passing, and he will be remembered in my heart.##imported-begin##Jon Weiss##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Bob and Nancy Africano##imported-end##

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Ed's passing. I will always remember him as such a kind and generous man with a very contaigious laugh. Ed's family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Robbi Shaffer##imported-end##

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“ Ed was one of a kind. He loved life to the fullest and made those around him

know that by his signature hearty laugh. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Peter Thomas##imported-end##

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“ Due to the weather tonight, I was not able to come to the visitation for Ed. I want to offer my sympathy to the family. For several years, I taught with Ed in the Elementary school. We shared many lunch hours together. He had a laugh that always identified him before you ever walked into the room. May the Lord comfort you with His love and peace.##imported-begin##Marian Pollard##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Ed,

We will remember Ed's enthusiasm and energy. His life interests were broad and of a contributory sort (ref. his obituary bio.). His gift of music was certainly one of his primary offerings for so many decades, to countless school children. He began teaching at a time when the challenges of working in the field of instrumental music education in a small community school system, were often demanding beyond most person's understanding. And, as a person in the arts, he knew the disappointments and frustrations...as well as the singular and sometimes few and far between successes, of his efforts. Ed had one of our sons in music and though the instrument and he were never good buddies, music remains a VIP part of this son's life. His one year old daughter is already on the way to a life with music, we might add, and some of that probably comes from the teacher reinforcement Ed gave to our own personal and family music interests.

Thanks Ed, and may you find your reward a musical one of the greatest celestial type...if that is what (partly ?), constitutes the experience of the NEXT LIFE. ##imported-begin##Elmira Smith Wilkey##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Jon##imported-end##

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“ We remember the fun we had throughout our years in the music program at Manteno with Mr. Grabow. As adults, we have enjoyed his friendship and will miss him greatly. Our deepest sympathy to all.##imported-begin##Rick and Kathy (Brown)Ouwenga##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Franklin and Anna Weber##imported-end##

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“ It is with sincere regret that we have learned of Mr. Grabow's passing. His multiple contributions to this community i; ½will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Larry P. Wasser##imported-end##

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“ Ed and I worked side by side at the concierge desk and I always enjoyed his positive outlook and way with people. It seemed he knew everyone who walked in the door.

He will be missed.##imported-begin##Nelson Bradford##imported-end##

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“ To Ed's family and his special friend Roger Beland,

We shared many good times and activities with Ed in the Knights of Columbus, Notre Dame Council. ĩ½His smile and deep voice (always approving or suggesting other positive alternatives for our K of C activities) will be missed. ĩ½His life was indeed a contribution to his brother knights, their families, and his parish. We express our deepest sympathy. ĩ½

Jim Paul & Lew Rogers--Past Grand Knights##imported-begin##Jim Paul##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Lucy Booth##imported-end##

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“ I really enjoyed having Mr. Grabow as a teacher. ĩ½He helped develop my appreciation of music. ĩ½Although I graduated from Manteno High School in 1966, I can see in my mind's eye a number of wonderful experiences that I cherish to this day.

To his family, I extend my sympathy. ĩ½You will be in my thoughts during the days ahead.##imported-begin##Roger Senesac##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family##imported-begin##Dan & Melody Combs##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Grabow was a nice i½man and a good teacher. I had him in elementary school as a music teacher. He always cared about his students. I wish you all peace and comfort through your time of loss.##imported-begin##Ruth&Jennifer Scroggins##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Grabow was my band teacher for many years. I have many good memories of our band trips with the Manteno Jr. High marching band.

My deepest sympathies to the family.

Dawn Weber LaMore##imported-begin##Franklin & Anna Weber and daughter Dawn##imported-end##

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“ When reminiscing about Junior High and High School - there are very few memories without Mr. Grabow in them. i½I played in the band and sang in the chorus. My big memory is when giving a concert - he always made a grand entrance into the gym with a i½roll of the drums going right into the Star Spangle Banner. As a teacher he was there to listen to our problems or just to talk - he was interested in his students lives.

As an adult, it was always great to see him - the twinkle in his eye, that laugh He was always interested in what was going on in my life and the students he hadn't seen in a while.

He was one of a kind i½- and one I will never forget.

My sympathies to his family.

##imported-begin##Arta (Brown)Snyder##imported-end##

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(Brown)Ouwenga##imported-end##

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