



John E. Hult

June 21, 1924 - July 7, 2014

Dr. John Edward Hult, M.D. of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away on July 7, 2014. He joined his beloved wife, Adeline, who died January 3rd, 2014. John was born June 21, 1924 in Moshi, Tanganyika on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, where his parents were serving as Lutheran missionaries.

When John was two years old, his family returned to the US and settled near Springfield, Missouri where he attended Blackman primary school, then graduated as valedictorian from Rogersville high school. John is a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He considered himself very fortunate to have been sent to medical school by the army and graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 1949.

He married Mary Louise Lockhart in 1948. Margaret was born in St. Louis and Elly joined them in Munich where he started his medical practice at the 5th General Dispensary caring for military personnel and their dependents. Upon discharge, the family settled in Aurora, Colorado where he was able to complete his pediatric residency. Dan was born in 1953. Louise died in 1954. In 1956, he met Adeline Lundquist, who joined him in his dream of serving the people of the land of his birth as a medical missionary. Martha came along during those years of adventure, joy and challenge in Tanganyika.

In 1961, the Hult family settled in Aurora Colorado where Tim completed the

family. The next three decades were filled with his pediatric work, singing in choirs, memorable camping trips and family road trips. John and Adeline were very active with an organization called Amigos de Las Americas, which trained young people to administer immunizations in rural areas of Latin America.

After retirement in 1987, John and Ad settled in Corvallis, Oregon, where they continued to enrich the lives of everyone they met. Their lives were filled with travelling, nurturing grandchildren, writing and publishing their memoirs. John enjoyed pitching horseshoes in tournaments. Until the past 3 years, he swam almost daily, logging his laps until he reached over 1000 miles. Grace Lutheran Church has been an integral part of their lives.

Timberhill Place became their home in 2011. They daily expressed gratitude for the opportunity to have these blessed years together in a warm and caring community.

John is preceded in death by Mary Louise Hult, and Adeline Loraine Hult and son, Daniel Edwin Hult; by siblings, Paul Hult, Ingrid Youngdahl, Martha Wiemkin, and David Hult. He is survived siblings Veda Magnuson, Eunice Will, Carl Hult, Gus Hult and Mary Orvis; by children, Margaret Ruud, Elly Scott, Martha Norman and Tim Hult, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

Dr. John will be remembered for his deep compassion, his irrepressible humor, his warm tenor voice and his vivid storytelling.

The driving force in his life was to leave a person happier than when he met them

A celebration of life is scheduled at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 19th at Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis. Memorial donations may be made to Grace

Lutheran Church or to a charity of your choice, in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

You are welcome to join the family for the graveside service for John and Adeline Hult to be held at Freemount Lutheran Church 2511 8th Ave, Lindsborg, Kansas, on October 11th at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow at the American Legion 115 N Washington St, Marquette, Kansas.

We thank you for all the love and sharing you have already offered over the past several months

Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John E. Hult*



McHenry Funeral Home - July 23, 2014 at 05:47 PM

BC

“ *John & Adeline invited me & a friend to their house for lunch after church one Sunday. I had just moved to Denver and was living in an apartment. What a wonderful day it was to be in a loving home with a delicious home cooked meal!!! I will never forget it! I even remember what Adeline served that day. It was an African dish with chicken, coconut, pineapple, and many other condiments. What a treat! That day was the start of many years of a wonderful friendship! I will always remember both of them & cherish many memories of them at Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver.*

Lots of love to the family, Barbara Andrews Clifford

Barbara Andrews Clifford - July 22, 2014 at 09:48 AM

LK

“ I am very sad to have missed both services for Adeline & John. I would have enjoyed reminiscing about the amazing connections we had concerning their lives in Tanganyika.

When I first came to Corvallis & Grace Lutheran Church, we immediately began and special relationship & soon realized that one of my Sunday School teachers from Astoria, OR, Henrietta Lindberg, was somewhere close by in Africa -- and, Joel Ward, whose parents missionaries with John & Adeline as he was growing up, lived with my family while he was going to Jr. College in Modesto, CA. There was one other connection, a medical missionary who was in college with me at Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, whose name escapes me now. Obviously we had some bonds from the beginning.

I also loved being in various Bible studies with Adeline and thought of her as a wonderful mentor. John was such fun, and a great conversationalist, and Mike & I enjoyed having them in our home and visiting theirs.... We were truly blessed to call them friends, and will keep the memories close to our hearts.

Linda Killion - July 19, 2014 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ I will miss my dear Uncle John. He and Aunt Adeline visited the Hult family in Tucson, Arizona regularly during my formative years. He was among the keeper of the family stories and served as an artery of the larger family--connecting so many extensions during the various stops on their road trips. He entertained a younger generation with his rattling dentures, otoscope rudolph nose, tales of "witch doctors" that were told with photo magic that predated photoshop, and my favorite...the birdie caught in his throat (I think that birdie flew right into mine when we learned of his passing).

He and Aunt Adeline taught us that the world is both big and small. The silent generation just lost one more hushed voice--one of its more compassionate voices--a beautiful tenor who told the best stories.

I feel so blessed to have known and loved him.

Mary Ann Cicala - July 15, 2014 at 03:25 PM

DY

“ I am very distantly related to Adeline Hult through the Lindsborg, KS, connection. For nearly 26 years my husband and I have served as medical missionaries in Ghana, and for the last several years of Adeline's life I maintained a vibrant e-mail correspondence with her. It is a pity that we never met personally; however, I am certain that one day we will all meet around the throne. Congratulations, Dr. John, on your graduation to glory!

Victory in Jesus!

*Dr. Jean Bjorling Young
Saboba, Northern Region
Ghana*

Dr. Jean Young - July 14, 2014 at 02:49 AM

RF

“ Though our paths only crossed briefly at Timberhill Place there is such gratitude for the care and compassion that our families exchanged during visits in the hallways, parties, gatherings etc. Please know that our hearts are with you as you process two transitions in such a short span of time. John is an amazing spirit, hope you feel him in your lives now more than ever despite the loss of physical presence. So. Much. Love.



Rhoades Family - July 14, 2014 at 02:40 AM

SH

“ I met John in the pool at Timberhill Athletic Club, swimming laps. He'd completed 1000 laps (not just that day), but that was just the beginning of my growing admiration for a man who surely inspired anyone fortunate enough to meet him. His ability to listen, to share his experiences & knowledge, always infusing insight with humor and kindness made the world (not just the pool!) a better place. I miss his presence but his spirit continues to inspire. Asante sana, and God bless you, John!

Sue Anne Henneck - July 13, 2014 at 06:21 PM

DM

“ I had the honor of knowing both John & Adeline for 20 years. Most of these years were the result of attending Simon Johnson's Creative Writing class where they shared their Life stories in class as well as the books they had published.

I told Adeline I was impressed with how she accepted John's children as her own, when they first married. I came from a family of Yours, Mine & Ours, and envied the close family ties John, Adeline and the children had. I was also impressed with the many pictures they seemed to have at their fingertips to go with every story told. No matter how far in the past, or what Country they were living in at the time.

It's hard to think of them separately. They were always together, where they are once again.

God Bless,

Dorothy McLean

Dorothy McLean - July 11, 2014 at 09:33 PM

RS

“ John was a kind, generous, funloving man who will be remembered with smiles by those lucky enough to have known him. Our sincere condolences to his family on their loss.

Randy & Charlotte Spada - July 11, 2014 at 07:20 PM