

MMHF News

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The Minnesota Music Hall of Fame

29th Annual Induction Ceremony

Friday, November 3, 2017

Turner Hall, New Ulm, MN

Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.

Banquet Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Induction Ceremony - 7:30 p.m.

Entertainment following the Ceremony

2017 Inductees are:

Apollo Club – Male Chorus

John Denver – Country/Pop

Jim McGuire – Classical Jazz Guitar & music teacher

Jim Johnson & the Underbeats – Rock N Roll

The Meire Grove City Band – musical group

Myron Wolf – Old Tyme Sideman

Tickets \$50.00 per person

MMHF Members - \$45.00 per person

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, Inc.

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Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Museum

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Thursday, Friday & Saturday

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Wallace “Wally” Pikal, age 90, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, husband of Alice, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017, at the Meeker Memorial Hospital in Litchfield, Minnesota. He was born on Feb. 15th, 1927.

A memorial service took place on Sunday, April 30th at McLeod County Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Minnesota. Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel of Hutchinson.

Wally was a gifted local musician entertainer and member of the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. He hosted and played polka music for 52 years on KDUZ’s weekly “Pikal Patch Show.”

He was a senior in high school when he played his first professional job with the Jerry Dostal Band and soon learned he could play two and even three trumpets at the same time. Now, if that wasn’t strange enough, he began playing the trumpets while jumping on a pogo stick! That amazed his audiences. He performed that stunt on the “Tonight Show” in 1972, and the “Mike Douglas Show” and a music video with the J. Geils Band, featuring the song “Love Stinks.”

In 1950, he started his own band named “Wally & the Dill Pickles.” Wally continued playing for over a half a century. He also owned a music store in Hutchinson, Minnesota. In his later years, Wally could still play two trumpets at once but stopped using the pogo stick. Over the years, Wally has worked with a who’s who of entertainers including Shaw-Allen-Shaw, Doc Severinson, Jim Stafford, Victor Borge, Conway Twitty, and Frank Sinatra Jr and many more.

Philip W. Brueggen, 85, of Cashton, Wisconsin, died on Friday, March 3rd, 2017 at the Bland Bekkedal Center for Hospice in Viroqua, WI.

He was born Nov. 11, 1931, on the home farm near Cashton, to Herman and Margaret (Misna) Brueggen, one of twelve children.

Following high school, Philip joined the US Army and served his country in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. After his service to our country, he married Madonna Williams and raised five children.

Philip, with the aid of his family, farmed in the Cashton area for 38 years, and he drove school bus for the Cashton School District for 34 years. In 1991 they moved to Cashton.

Philip’s gift for music was well-known throughout this area and reached far across the country. His polka career began at the age of 14, playing trumpet for different events. Herman and The Jolly Dutchmen was one of his first musical groups, which included his sister, Angie, and two of his brothers, Willard and Harry. In 1985, Philip joined his youngest son, Brian, and his band, The Mississippi Valley Dutchmen. His tuneful melodies have been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people over the years in places such as Arizona, Las Vegas, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota and the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

Upcoming Events:

Brat Stand: June 1st & 2nd
Cash Wise • New Ulm
10 AM – 6 PM
Brats, Hot Dogs,
Pop & Sauerkraut



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