



Dr. Fred B. Goodwin

December 5, 2010

Dr. Fred B. Goodwin, 80, of Cape Girardeau died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, at the Lutheran Home. He was born Sept. 9, 1930, in Cape Girardeau, to Van and Dorothy Pott Goodwin. He and Virginia Keisker were married Aug. 4, 1951, in Jackson. Fred was a talented and versatile man. He was an accomplished musician. In his youth and middle age he played trombone in most of the local dance bands. Fred could both read music and play by ear. After retirement Fred took up the acoustic bass and enjoyed playing with family and friends. He was also a fine athlete. As an undergraduate, he played on Southeast Missouri State University's tennis team. He was an excellent racket ball player, and was also one of the best golfers at Cape Girardeau Country Club many years. All his life Fred enjoyed the outdoors, hunting waterfowl and upland birds. He also spent much time fishing, particularly at his family's cabin at Stoney Battery. As a father, husband and friend, there was none better. Fred was kind, fair, patient, loving and selfless. He had a great sense of humor and a wonderful wit. He enriched our lives. We will miss him deeply. Dr. Goodwin was dean of the College of Humanities at Southeast University, retiring in 1988. He was past national president, Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary fraternity in debate and public address; past national chairman, Speech Communication Association of America Committee to select National Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion topics; past president of Missouri Association of College and University Speech Directors; past governor, Province of Missouri (Missouri and Iowa) Pi Kappa Delta forensic fraternity. He

was past chairman, Missouri Committee for the Humanities. Inducted, Pi Kappa Delta Hall of Fame for "contributions to American forensics;" past president, Friends of the Public Library in Cape Girardeau; past president, Cape Girardeau Community Concert Association; past president, Cape Girardeau Lions Club; Cape Girardeau Municipal Band member over 50 years playing trombone and was its announcer many years, and was a member of its board of directors. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Goodwin of Cape Girardeau; a son, Mark Goodwin of Jackson; two daughters, Debbie Patterson of Caruthersville, Mo., Nancy White of Neosho, Mo.; three grandchildren, Michael Goodwin, Jennifer Beussink and Stacy Vines; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Van and Dorothy Goodwin. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church. The family will greet friends after the service in the narthex at the church. Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be given to First Presbyterian Church, Southeast Hospice, or Humane Society of Southeast Missouri.

Tribute Wall

CB

“*Virginia. Fred was a great teacher and a good man. I will never forget the day he took the two of us fishing for small mouth bass. As we caught more fish than I knew existed, I pleaded with Fred for just ten more minutes. He calmly dumped the minnows and informed me that "Virginia was waiting with dinner!" What a day. We will miss him. Chuck and Marcia*

Charles and Marcia Bonwell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“*Mark and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. He was a very talented person who clearly had a rich and rewarding life. I know that he will be terribly missed. My thoughts are with you and your family. David Lincoln and family.*

David Lincoln - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*Dear Family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers after learning of Dr. Goodwin's passing. He was an excellent instructor, a consummate professional, and truly a well-rounded man. He could speak to anyone of just about anything. Our sincere sympathy to each of you on your loss.*

Martin and Georgia (Green) White - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“*Debbie, So sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I would really would like to speak with you if you have time.e-mail me and i will send you a number. will keep you all in my prayers.*

Nancy Rhodes Markhart - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Virginia, my condolences to you and your family during this time of grief. I will always remember and hold dear all the good times we had together. I am sorry I was unable to attend the memorial but my thoughts and prayers were with you.

Rita Grisvard - September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dear Virginia, I am sorry about your losing of Fred and empathize for you since I have also lost Inez lately. If you want to keep in touch, as I do, send an email note when you can. Harlan

Harlan E Fiehler - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Dr. Goodwin was a name all of us in Pi kappa Delta are well-familiar with - he was a giant in the world of Forensics. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and cared for him, as I am sure you know.

Nina-Jo Moore - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Virginia, We won't be able to be with you for the memorial servic. We want you to know and remember our prayers are with you and family. We are sorry you had to give Fred up to the Lord. There will be times when all of a sudden he will come into our thoughts. And we can assure you they will be good memories and a smile will come upon our face. God be with you. Hold onto the good times and the love you were blessed to have with Fred all these years.
Jerry & Susan

Jerry and Susan Venable - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“*Dear Goodwin Family: I was saddened to read of the death of Dr. Fred Goodwin. We have known Fred for over 50 years and in that time he has been my favorite instructor, advisor, mentor, colleague and friend. Barb and I were both in classes he taught at SEMO. He was interesting, articulate, organized, and witty. He was a man of many talents and interests and enriched the lives of students, colleagues, and the community. We send our deepest sympathy. We pray that God's spirit and pleasant memories of his life will comfort and encourage you. Sincerely, Bob and Barbara Herring*

Robert and Barbara Herring - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM