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## Janice Wiles Freeburg

Janice was born in Omaha, NE. Her entire family graduated from Plattsmouth High School- grandparents, parents, husband, and children. Her grandparents homesteaded the farm on which she grew up.

As Janice grew up in the Plattsmouth school system there was no sports program for girls but she was very involved in band, chorus, pep club and cheerleading. As to community activities, she was in Job's Daughter and served as Honored Queen, 4H sewing and Horse Clubs; she was Miss Plattsmouth in 1956.

After graduating from PHS in 1956, she attended Peru State College on a scholarship. While there, she was in band, chorus, cheerleading and Sweet Heart Queen as well as Miss Auburn.

Her credits were transferred to University of NE at Omaha where she received a BS in Elementary Education and was admitted to Gold Key Honor Society. She received a Computers in Education Master's Degree from Lesley College.

During all these activities, and for 58 years, Janice taught dancing from her own studio. She has been a member of Omaha Dance Teacher's Association for 50 years. She has also directed the talent show for the Harvest Festival (Kass Kounty King Korn Karnival) for many years.

Special awards and accomplishments include the Lucille McLean Golden Jubilee Award, Omaha World Herald Ackerman Award at Show Wagon two times, Performing Arts Award at KKKKK, Heritage Award by Lloyd Fitch Family, and the Friend of Youth Award by the Optimist Club. She is a member of Cass County Retired Teachers and attends Liberty United Methodist Church in Mynard. Janice has been a 4H leader for 25 years and a Sunday School teacher for 20 years.

Janice has three children and three grandchildren: Dr. Tad Freeburg, his wife, Lisa, and their son, Conner; Tim Freeburg and his girls, Jill and Juliana; Tammy Freeburg, also a teacher.

Janice says, "It is with great pleasure that I've been awarded such an honor. There are many others who are much more deserving. I'm so thankful that Plattsmouth Elementary Kindergarten was my first teaching job. Just as today, there weren't many teaching jobs open and I was given an opportunity to teach in my hometown. Working with small children is such a delight."



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## Jack Herweg

Jack Herweg attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He joined ROTC and graduated with the rank of Major. While in high school, he played French horn and was drum major of marching band. He was very active in chorus and was awarded the Walter Cassell award for outstanding male vocalist.

While attending Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, Jack was very active in musicals, band, and plays. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in 1958 and taught in Wisner, Nebraska.

After a short time away from teaching, Jack came to Plattsmouth in 1962 to teach instrumental music. He was very detail oriented and finally mastered the "double minstrel turn" which became the signature maneuver for PHS band.

In 1967 the PHS Band went to Canada for the Red River Exhibition. In 1971, the band was featured during the America School Band Directors Association meeting in Omaha.

To further his education, Jack attended University of NE in Lincoln to obtain his Masters of Music degree.

In 1972 the band appeared as Nebraska's representative in the Rose Bowl Parade. Band parents raised \$20,000 and chartered a plane for the band to travel to California. That same year, the band traveled to Philadelphia to perform in the old Veterans Stadium.

By 1974 the band had ranked Superior rating for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in Lincoln. He ended his music career in 1976 after receiving his EDD and given the position of Assistant Principal at PHS. He worked his way up the administrative ladder until he became Superintendent of Schools in 1984. He retired in 1990 having been in the Plattsmouth system for 28 years.

During the summers, Jack coached baseball and softball teams to participate in his children's activities.

He was a lifetime member of Plattsmouth PTA, a member of the Methodist Church, and Plattsmouth Rotary. He was chosen King of the Kass Kounty King Korn Karnival in 1980.

Jack passed away in July of 2000 survived by his wife, Pat and children Mark and Lisa. They have received many cards and letters through the years thanking Jack for teaching them self-discipline, self-motivation, and sharing his talents with them.