

Joseph B. Myklebust

April 15, 1917 – February 2, 1985



Joseph B. Myklebust, 67, of Council Bluffs, IA, passed away on Saturday in Tucson, AZ. He was part of a family closely connected to the Deaf community and remained involved throughout his life. His brother, Dr. Arthur S. Myklebust, served as superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Deaf for 34 years and played a major role in shaping Deaf education in the state.

Joseph was born on April 15, 1917, in Jasper, MN, and graduated from the Minnesota School for the Deaf in Faribault. On June 27, 1945, he married Pearl Johnson in Humboldt, IA. She preceded him in death in March 1975.

He began his career as a linotype operator, working in Mankato, MN, and later at the *Sioux Falls Argus Leader* and the *Omaha World-Herald*. Joseph later transitioned into teaching, with roles at the Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha and Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs.

He was known to many in the Deaf community—not only through his teaching and family ties—but also for his friendly presence at Deaf events and gatherings. Those who knew him recall his steady, thoughtful demeanor and ongoing support of Deaf education.

Survivors include two sons: Dr. Joel Myklebust of Wauwatosa, WI, and Alan Myklebust of Tucson, AZ; one granddaughter; one brother, Dr. Helmer Myklebust of McHenry, IL; and four sisters: Mrs. Signe Haraldson of Jasper, MN; Mrs. Milton (Martha) Williams of Apache Junction, AZ; and Louisa Myklebust and Mrs. Sterling (Esther) Simonson, both of Sioux Falls, SD.

Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, with interment at Ridgewood Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Cutler Funeral Home.

