



## Ludvig Tveit Wangberg

January 4, 1923 - June 17, 2017

Ludvig Tveit Wangberg, 94, formerly of Clear Lake, passed away on June 17, 2017 in Rogers, MN.

A memorial service will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Clear Lake Bandshell in City Park, Clear Lake, with Rev. Matthew Muters officiating. In the event of bad weather, Galilean Lutheran Church, 4454 255th St., Clear Lake, will serve as an alternate location.

Visitation will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2017, at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. 4th St., Clear Lake.

In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial contributions may be made to Galilean Music Memorials or the Clear Lake Municipal Band.

Lud was born to Johannes and Astrid (Myrseth) Wangberg in Badger Minnesota on January 4, 1923. During the Second World War, he served in the division band, Headquarters Company of the 20th Armored Division, United States Army. A prodigiously talented French horn player, he attended Julliard, and as a young man performed professionally in New York City.

He married Lois Ann (Linde) in 1947; they made their home in Clear Lake, Iowa for more than 50 years. Lud was the real-life Music Man of Northern Iowa, where he taught music at Clear Lake High School, directed the Drum and Bugle Corps and choirs at Zion Lutheran and Galilean Lutheran. Lud was the major force behind construction of the bandshell in City Park that bears his name, where he directed the Clear Lake Municipal Band for 55 years.

He is survived by his son Philip (Pat Holman) Wangberg of Albuquerque, daughter Mary (Ben) Banti of Maple Grove, MN; grandchildren Karin Wangberg-Rogers (Matt), Julia Jespersen (Jim), Anna Banti, and Ben Banti; great grandchildren Winona and Diana Rogers, Gretchen and Daphne Jespersen; two siblings, John (Grace) and Albert (Lorna).

His family and friends will always remember Lud: a gentle man of faith, a passionate musician, and an endearing lover of life.

Lud was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, four sisters, and in 2011 by his beloved wife Lois.

# Cemetery

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## Clear Lake Cemetery

N. 20th St.

Clear Lake, IA, 50428

# Events

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**JUN 23 Visitation 04:00PM - 06:00PM**

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Ward Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

310 1st Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA, US, 50428

**JUN 24 Memorial Service 01:00PM**

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Clear Lake Bandshell

N. Lakeview Dr., Clear Lake, IA, US

# Comments

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“ Rest in peace . Mr.wangberg. you were a great man . I will never forget how patient you were in teaching me how to play my Cornett and how you put the love of music in my life .

**Dawn** - August 28, 2017 at 09:57 AM

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“ So sad to hear about Mr. Wangberg. He was a Great musician and teacher to all of us who had the opportunity to play for him in high school band and Municipal Band in the band shell in the summer. Many fun memories! He was a true Music Man who had a great talent and love for music Clear Lake was fortunate to have him all those years! Thank you Mr. Wangberg!! Our sympathy to all the family. Judi and Bill McGowan, Clear Lake grads from 1960 and 1961.

**Bill and Judi McGowan** - July 14, 2017 at 07:10 AM

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“ Mr Wangberg made us love marching band by his own appreciation of music and his tolerance of our teenage personalities. Summer concerts were an important part of the social scene in the "Vacation Capital of Iowa." Amy Schultz Grier

**Amy S Grier** - June 29, 2017 at 11:46 AM

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“ I have lots of great memories of playing in the band -- in the flute section in the front row with lots of friends around me. I was thoroughly enjoying myself during one rehearsal when Lud tapped his baton on his music stand, stopping the band. He looked directly at me and said, "Bonnie Lauber, you talk more than everyone else in this band put together!" I'm sure he was right. But I was having fun! I still play my flute in the Brooklyn Community Band, and have played at the Wellstead, where he was recently living. He gave us such great music to play and shared his passion for it. Thank you, Mr. Wangberg!

**Bonnie Lauber-Westover** - June 29, 2017 at 10:15 AM

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“ In honor of Professor Wangberg I shall play a soulful tune on my new Euphonium.

**Ken Dukes** - June 23, 2017 at 03:52 PM

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“ Lud shared so many times with the Class of '67.....we will be thinking of him fondly as we celebrate our 50th reunion this summer.

**Merlea Amundson Schultz** - June 23, 2017 at 09:56 AM

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“ Oh my.....what a nice man with a career and love of music that he shared with so many! Phil and Mary---a funny story.....I hated private band lessons and tried to skip them when I could get away with it---one day he bribed me--said I couldn't sing in Zion choir the next week if I didn't show up to the band room to practice! So many in Clear Lake benefited from his love of music and children.

**Merlea Amundson Schultz** - June 23, 2017 at 09:54 AM

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“ Lud was a very special teacher for me in Clearlake band. He came over to our house and sat down and talk to my parents about me joining the band and playing the French horn. I didn't even know what a French horn was but it was obviously near and dear to him and he knew I could do it. I lugged that horn to school almost every day asking myself the whole time why didn't he pick out the piccolo for me.! But I loved playing in the band with him and the summer parades. He always had a warm glow on his face and such a zest for life and music brought that to him. He truly was Clear Lake's music man! And he could remember everyone's names no matter how many years went by since he had seen them. Truly a wonderful teacher and person.  
Ginny King

ginny king - June 22, 2017 at 07:52 AM



“ I can completely relate to Ginny's account of lugging the French horn to and from school. I remember how it barely fit down the school bus isles and it became my seat mate if I couldn't leave it up front. I did love playing in band and at competitions. Lud was the one who located a harp for my parents and me when I first started taking lessons (...and I thought the French horn was bulky to transport). It took an LTD station wagon to get my harp up to the High School, but I wouldn't have traded playing in the production orchestra pit for anything. Pep band, orchestra, concert band, All-State orchestra, community band in the park and marching band shaped my life throughout college and beyond. Lud greatly influenced my love for music and I ended up a music minor from Augustana. I can't thank him enough for his significant roll in my life. A great man who will be greatly missed! Heaven just got a whole lot richer because Lud continues to play for his new audience! God bless you, Mr. Wangberg and thank you so much! Amy Andersen '78

Amy - June 23, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ I lugged that French horn around as well. And I could barely play a note. I wanted to play drums but he convinced me I was made for the French horn. I think it's just where the blank was in the band that year. Becky Dominic played with me. We never practiced and he was very kind to us. The next year everyone passed from Freshman band to the next level but Becky and I. How would we break it to him that we were quitting band? We knew he would be so disappointed. Well, he was elated, jubilant, polite, kind, accepting - BUT then we knew. He had found a kind way to dump us if we refused to lift a finger to learn. I do recall him as committed, artistic, caring even though I was a huge waste of his time.

Candy Neville - July 05, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ formerly Candy Odden

Candy Neville - July 05, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ Mr. Wangberg was the band director for a lot of us throughout our school years. With Phil being a classmate, the 'Class of 1966' sends our thoughts and prayers to Phil and family.

CLHS 'Class of 1966' - June 22, 2017 at 05:51 AM



“ David and Mary Wick purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ludvig Tveit Wangberg.



David and Mary Wick - June 21, 2017 at 01:05 PM

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“ The writer of "Ode to Clear Lake "

Larry Lepley - June 21, 2017 at 11:12 AM

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“ Such a sad, sad day. He was certainly a huge factor in my love of band and while an exacting director, taught so much that really stuck with me, especially his version of the Star Spangled Banner. I still have my part memorized and it goes through my mind each time I hear it. I very much admired his skill and knowledge. RIP, Mr Wangberg.

Tamara Leasure - June 21, 2017 at 09:34 AM

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“ Mr Wangberg introduced me to band (clarinet)...and a love of music that continues today. I also took piano lessons from Mrs Wangberg, and was involved with a production of "Oklahoma" with Phil in the 1980s at Warburg College in Waverly. Special family! What wonderful memories we all have...

Denise Clipperton - June 21, 2017 at 08:31 AM

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“ Lud was a big influence on my sister Pat and me -back in the 1950s and 1960s, giving us many playing opportunities at church, in the high school and municipal bands, pep band, and Austin Symphony--and private lessons for me through high school. We are both still playing in multiple bands on flute for me and French horn for my sister and-- we are now in our 70s! Lud gave us the best possible start in music! Our condolences go out to his family. He leaves us with many good memories!

Barbara Peterson Weiblen and Pat Peterson Raikes

**Barbara Weiblen** - June 21, 2017 at 08:01 AM

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“ In the summer of 1961, between my junior and senior years at CLHS, I took up the (French) horn at Mr. Wangberg's suggestion. I had been an average trumpet player up to that time, and he told me the band had "too many trumpets and not enough horns".

I recently retired after playing the horn for 41 years as a professional musician, first in the Cedar Rapids (now Orchestra Iowa) Symphony, then the Virginia Symphony and Virginia Opera.

It was Mr. Wangerg's persuasive "suggestion" and teaching that certainly changed my life. I am deeply grateful.

David Wick



David Wick - June 21, 2017 at 05:44 AM



“ Lud Wangberg, David Wick, Lyndon Crist, Allen Koepke, Jim Reynolds

**David Wick** - June 21, 2017 at 05:47 AM



“ I have so many memories of Mr.Wangberg.oved here in 8th grade and got put in highschool band. I took private lessons for 4 years. He also played at my wedding with Bud Engen! Arleen Rodenbeck Radcliffe.

**Arleen Radcliffe** - June 21, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ Phil, Mary, and families, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad...but what a long and productive life! I played in high school band, city band through high school as well as part of my college summers. I also played in the basketball pep band at UNI for a couple years, and carried the love of music with me through life. That love of music was developed by your dad, Bob Logan, and Allen Koepke...all those north IA music men! One memory I still carry with me was your dad trying to talk me into giving up my flute and switching to his beloved French horn. He was rather insistent, but I was (still am) a stubborn (faded) redhead, so I stayed with the flute. But he didn't give up easily! He is probably directing a heavenly orchestra now, with your mom by his side.

Doxie Godden Weber

**Doxie Godden Weber** - June 21, 2017 at 07:43 PM



“ I was saddened to learn about Mr. Wangberg's passing earlier this week. I will always be grateful that I was raised in Clear Lake with its strong sense of community and important midwestern values. Being from a small town, afforded us all opportunities to participate in many activities. For me, my music experiences in band and choir were so important and contributed to my sense of belonging, and in giving me a love for music and being part of band and choir that has lasted a lifetime. Mr. Wangberg had a profound influence in my life

and gave me an opportunity to see how music can enhance our appreciation for discipline, excellence, enjoyment, expressing our emotions and feelings, and being a part of a musical community - whether in school in band and choir, in small group ensembles, or in community band with its summer week end concerts in the park. Lud was a positive, kind, supportive, inspirational teacher in my life. It was one of the highlights of my high school days to represent Clear Lake as its Band Festival queen in 1963 and to be crowned Miss North Iowa. It was a memorable night for me when Mr. Wangberg recognized me for this honor at the Lake Theater. It was a humbling evening, but we were both proud of this recognition for the Clear Lake marching band and our community. I was blessed to be one of his students. He made a huge difference in my life! I am sure that he is already looking for some prospective French horn students as he recruits people for a heavenly band and orchestra.

Linda (Wilkins) Shortreed

**Linda (Wilkins) Shortreed** - June 23, 2017 at 09:22 PM

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**Dave Hays** - June 20, 2017 at 10:46 PM

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“ In 1960 at Lincoln School, Principal Grace Anderson announced there was a sudden opening for a student to play bass drum in the school band and I was ending my year as a third grader. A handful of us boys were marched around the gym and Lud Wangberg said I had good rhythm and that I should join the Drum & Bugle Corps. I was shy but he sparked something in me. After that exciting 4th grade year, I saw him again at Central School as select students played tonettes, and again as he and Robert Logan took turns with 6th-8th grade bands, then Jr. Varsity Band. I was still shy and set in my comfort zone with a bass drum, but he pushed me to learn all of the other percussion instruments. By the time I was in varsity concert band, marching band and pep band, I was thrilled to perform on everything he convinced me to try. I was a depressed, bullied kid who didn't fit in, but Lud gave me a safe place to explore talents and work with other kids. For another 2-3 years after high school he continued to invite me to perform with the Municipal Band. So for at least 12 years, this man was a positive influence on me and even today his influence is felt and remembered fondly.

**Dave Hays** - June 20, 2017 at 10:42 PM

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“ When I came to Clear Lake as h.s. choral director in 1958, right out of college, Lud took me under his wing and gently shared his much-needed wisdom and experience. A year later, when Elsa joined me, Lud and Lois's became our home away from home. Just as he was a nurturing influence upon generations of his students, so did he take my hand and point me toward a more promising career. I even got to play tuba in his summer band!

To Phillip and Mary I express my profound sadness at his passing and, through them, my thanks to their dad for his caring imprint on my life. I am John Windh, formerly choral director at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and now retired with Elsa in Sonoma, California.

**John Windh** - June 20, 2017 at 10:38 PM

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“ I remember you, Mr Windh, from 5th grade music! You also were an influence on my musical journey...thank you.

**Denise Huey Clipperton** - June 21, 2017 at 08:33 AM

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“ Mr Wangberg was the only person I ever knew who could play any instrument in the high school band almost always better than the best student in the band - and of course on the French horn he was amazing - showed me more than once how to play the trombone better :) I was in school from 1977-1981 and remember his personal coaching and his drive to be the best in what you did. He was one of the teachers who made a real impact on my life and he will be both very much missed and remembered for years to come. Dwight Furleigh

**Dwight Donald Furleigh** - June 20, 2017 at 10:05 PM

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“ I was a rather impetuous teenager and had broken my coronet in a temper tantrum and Mr Wangberg, with enduring patience, merely introduced me to the French horn and maintained my interest in music. He was a good decent person.

**Ken Tyner** - June 20, 2017 at 10:03 PM

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“ Mr. Wangberg was our band director for the 4 years I was in high school. I remember what wonderful music we played, especially the Star Spangled Banner which he arranged a bit differently. Every time I hear this special song I remember the way we played it. Thank you Lud. Jeanne White Achenbach

**Jeanne White Achenbach** - June 20, 2017 at 09:07 PM