

Jim Yorston An Exceptional Man

Jim Yorston left us too soon. He was an exceptional man who provided love, guidance and service to his family, friends and community. Jim served for many years as an elected member of the Cloquet school board and for the last 21 years as a member of the Cloquet Educational Foundation's board of directors. He provided energy, creativity, kindness and vision in all that he did and his presence fostered an environment of trust and cooperation. Jim's easygoing manner, compassion for others and strong moral principles made him the go-to person for countless projects. And he never said no! Jim worked endlessly in support of education in Cloquet.

As a CEF board member, one of his most successful ideas was to expand our fundraising efforts by creating the Night of Entertainment aka Blue Jean Ball event. This has become our biggest fundraiser and has allowed the CEF to award significant grant awards to worthwhile projects that benefit Cloquet students.

Jim's loyal dedication and commitment to education in Cloquet made a significant difference and will continue into the future. As a lasting tribute to this exceptional man, his family established the *Jim Yorston Family Fund*, a named fund within the Cloquet Educational Foundation. Jim's wife, Sandy, explained that the Cloquet Educational Foundation was close to Jim's heart and this fund will provide a lasting living legacy in his memory. Gifts may be made to the Jim Yorston Family Fund.



Jim and Sandy Yorston with their family: Cameron Lincher, Ann Yorston Lindner and their daughter Evelyn, Tristy Yorston, Matthew Yorston and their son Kael