

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Richard Wilhfart

Inducted in 1998

Richard Wilfhart was born in 1920 in New Ulm. After a three year stint in the Army Air Force, he came back home to New Ulm and met his future wife, Dorothy. Richard and Dorothy have two children, Karen and Daniel.

Richie started being the Heritage Festmeister in 1976. That year he and New Ulm royalty participated in 18 parades promoting New Ulm and Heritagefest.

Throughout his years with Heritagefest, he was the official chaperone for Miss New Ulm and the Princesses and accompanied them to parades and festivities.

Asked many years ago, what his favorite hobby was, he said, "Heritagefest is my hobby. It pretty much starts right after Heritagefest. I keep up on current events; enjoy spectator sports, reading and creative woodworking. I also serve as a tour guide." Asked about his future goal, he said "To make people smile!"

