



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: WAYNE LAGE

Instrument: Saxophone

Year Inducted: 2003

If you've ever heard a central Iowa big band, you've probably heard Wayne "Doc" Lage. For more than 50 years, Wayne's feel and sound either led or rounded out the saxophone section. A native of Hubbard, IA, Wayne's career as a musician flourished during his Navy years working with the Ray Anthony and Tex Beneke service bands. While attending the University of Iowa, Wayne began playing with the likes of the Hoy, Killinger and Zarnow bands.

In 1957, Wayne moved to Des Moines to establish a dental practice and continue his playing with area bands. The list began to grow - the William Tell Orchestra, the Variety Club Orchestra, and the Des Moines Big Band, which he joined as a member in 1966. Wayne passed away at the age of 79 shortly after receiving this award.

