

Dr. John M. Chalfant

April 22, 1927 - September 22, 2015

AUBURN

Dr. John Milton Chalfant, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

John was one of 10 children and son of the late Herschel and Nora Chalfant. During his formative years he excelled as an athlete. Upon graduation from high school he received dual scholarships in both football and basketball to Michigan State.

While preparing to attend Michigan State, John was drafted into the United States Army. He was honorably discharged in May of 1946. John returned home and became involved in the Competitive Industrial Baseball League. His talents were quickly recognized by scouts from the Cleveland Indians and he was signed to a professional contract and invited to Spring Training in 1948. He spent the next three years in the Indians organization.

John's second drafting into the United States Army came in December of 1950. He served two years with the 11th Airborne Division. Upon his second honorable discharge in 1952, he played one more year for the Indians. Upon being released from his contract, with the help of former Tiger great and Hall of Famer Hank Greenburg, John returned to college to pursue a teaching degree. He continued to play and manage semi-professional teams and served as a territorial scout for the Detroit Tigers.

He graduated from Moorhead College, in Moorhead, Minnesot. in 1958, earning a bachelors degree in physical education. John taught PE and coached football and basketball from 1956 to 1961. He then moved his family to the Quad Cities, and attended Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, graduating in 1967. John established Chalfant Chiropractic Clinic and practiced in Auburn for the next 29 years before retiring in 1996.

He was a member of the American Legion for 61 years and a 33rd degree Mason and a Shriner.

He is survived by a daughter, Pamela (Greg) Cassady of Auburn; son, Jonathon (Rita) Chalfant of Waterloo; son, Dr. David (Tonna) Chalfant of Hometown; daughter, Brenda (Dave Johnson) Reed of Carmel; son, Robert (Bobbie) Shannon of Jackson, Michigan; daughter, Susie (Dick) Archambeau of Jackson, Michigan; 12 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Thelma, Jessie, Marlon, Jason, Lois and Ron.



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He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; a grandson, Jeramy Cassady; and siblings Bob, Laurie and Cecil.

Paramount of all his many accomplishments he lived by his Code of Honor: Truth, Honor and Integrity. He endeavored to instill the same in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We, his family, will remember him with grateful admiration, respect and pride for all he has given us.

Memorial calling will be held on Friday from 4-6 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. A Masonic service will be held at 6 p.m. conducted by DeKalb Lodge 214, followed by a memorial service officiated by Pastor Neal Kuhlhorst. At the conclusion of the service, military honors will be performed by the United States Army and American Legion Post 97.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

To sign the online guest registry, or to leave the Chalfant family a message of condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.