Dick Henry Morgan



Dick Henry Morgan was born April 13, 1927, in El Monte, Calif., the son of Stephen and Minnie (Bemoll) Morgan. He died Friday, Feb. 13, 2015.

At age 17, after graduating from El Monte High School in 1944, Dick signed with the New York Yankees organization to play baseball at AAA Kansas City. In 1945, he served in the U.S. Navy. After he returned from the service, Dick played professional baseball in Norfolk, Va., Ventura, Calif., Victoria, Canada, Beaumont, Texas, Muskegon, Mich., and Edmonton, Canada, for 10 years until 1954. During the winter months, he attended Chaffee Jr. College. After graduating, he attended Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.,

graduating in 1952 with a B.A. degree. Dick played semi-pro ball in the Southern Minnesota League, including Mankato, Albert Lea and Austin from 1955-1962.

Dick was united in marriage to JoAnn Munson on May 22, 1955, at Hartland Synod Lutheran Church, Hartland, Minn. They made their home in Austin for 33 years. Dick retired from Woodruff Co. in 1987, and they moved to Northfield in 1992. He attended many activities at St. Olaf and Carleton colleges. Dick especially enjoyed all of the sporting events involving his seven grandchildren. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn; children, Gary (Mary), Minnesota; Stephen (Lynn), Wisconsin; Rick, Arizona; and Joni (Michael) Roseri, Illinois; grandchildren, Richard (Angie), Todd, Brian, Samantha, Andrew, Jacob (Amber), Christopher Roseri and Keith Karpinske (Kari, Max and Jack); and great-grandchildren, Zoe, Hope and Lincoln. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Wanda Morgan, California.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Tom Morgan, Jack Morgan and Beverly Wilson.

A celebration of Dick's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 418 Sumner St., in Northfield. Interment will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, Northfield. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Prairies Edge Humane Society, 680 Professional Drive, Northfield, MN 55057, prairiesedgehs.org.

Arrangements are with the Benson & Langehough Funeral Home, 201 East 4th Street, Northfield, MN 55057, 507-645-5123, northfieldfuneral.com.

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