
Leslie Allen Zorge(1927 - 2016)

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Portland, OR

Les Zorge passed away April 17th, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. Les was born February 23rd, 1927, in Cleveland, OH. He was the younger of two children born to Edward and Lorena Zorge. Les joined the Navy during high school to serve his country in [World War II](#). After serving, he played baseball for the Chicago White Sox farm team for four years and attended Kent State University where he received a B.S. degree in Biology and Physical Education. During his time at Kent State, Les met and married Marilyn Janet Rastall. After graduation, Les began a career as a high school biology teacher and football and wrestling coach. The football coaching was where his heart was and he coached in Loraine, OH and other cities in Ohio before moving to Westfield, NJ to coach there where he became legendary. He made a lasting impact on a generation that he coached, taught and worked with, helping individuals realize their full potential in sports and in life. During those years, he and Marilyn had five children, Becky, Daniel, Michael, Scott, and James. They divorced in 1960.

A few years later, Les married Frances (Franie) Daniels, also a physical education teacher. They eventually moved to Opelika, Alabama. Les continued to teach and coach and earned a Master's degree in education and later a Master's degree in physical therapy. Les opened and operated a physical therapy clinic in Opelika where Franie worked along with him. Les was a pillar in the Opelika/Auburn community and will be remembered for his integrity, dedication, work ethic and kindness. They eventually retired and moved to Florida ending up in Naples, FL. He was an avid golfer.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Franie; his brother, Kenneth; his daughter, Becky, sons, Michael and Scott; and grandson, Nathan.

He is survived by his sons, Daniel (Patti) and James (Kathy); grandchildren, Ryan, Devon, Rachel, Michael, Sarah, Jennifer, and Lisa; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

A graveside service is planned for 1:00 pm Monday, April 25, 2016, at Naples Memorial Gardens, Naples, FL.

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