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Pat Mallette, age 82 of Blair, died January 29, 2015 at The University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Visitation will be held Monday February 2, 2015 at Campbell Aman Funeral Home, beginning at 3:00 PM with family receiving friends from 6:00 to 8:00PM. Funeral services will be held at 2:00PM Tuesday February 3, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Blair. Interment will follow services in the Blair Cemetery.

Pat Mallette was born on September 25, 1932 in rural Dodge County to Edward and Cora (Fredricksen) Mallette. He played basketball and American Legion Baseball during high school. He was All-State in basketball at Uehling High School in 1949 & 1950. Pat played semi-pro baseball for Columbus during his 4 years at College. He graduated from Uehling High School in 1950 and from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science (Teachers College) degree. He played baseball for UNL in 1952 to 1954 lettering all 3 years. He was also a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and was in the ROTC program all 4 years of college.

On August 9, 1953 he was united in marriage to Helen Rasmussen at First Methodist Church in Blair. Pat entered the Air Force as a Lieutenant and served from 1954 through 1956 in San Angelo, Texas. He played professional baseball with the Baltimore Oriole's Farm System in 1957.

Pat was an educator with Blair High School. He began teaching in 1958 as an Industrial Arts Instructor and later served as Vocational Director, and assistant basketball coach, until retiring in 1980.

In 1980 Pat and his wife Helen became co-owners of the Driftwood Inn for 15 years. Also 1980 he started Pat Mallette Construction and Pat Mallette Real Estate. He worked as an official in The Big 8 & Missouri Valley Conferences for 15 years, and as an official in the NFL for 26 years between 1969 to 1994, and refereed Super Bowl XXI in 1987. Pat was elected to the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame and The Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion. Pat enjoyed hunting and fishing all of his life and did commercial hunting and fishing. He enjoyed ballroom dancing and an occasional round of golf. He retired from everything in 1995. Pat's true highlights in life were his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, his love of the outdoors and sports, and belief in hard work.

He was preceded in death by his parents in 1987, and daughter Crystal in 2000.

He is survived by his wife Helen of Blair, daughter Lori (Merle) Hansen of Blair, son Patrick (Janet) Mallette of Blair, 7 grandchildren; Mandy (Michael) Giles, Haley (Christian) Jacobson, Katy (Jacob) VanNoy, Melissa (Brian) Rushing, Becky (Andy) Max, P.J. Mallette and Michael Mallette, 9 great grandchildren; Cora, Ellis, Oliver, Clara, Jackson, Josie, Calina, Hope and Chase.

Memorials may be directed to The Blair Family YMCA, First United Methodist Church or The Blair Basketball Club.

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Sent By: Lee Engelbart

My condolences to the Pat Mallette Family. I was a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brother to Pat. I also was a teacher at Blair High, teaching Vocational Agriculture for the years 1956 to 58 and then living in Blair with family for a number of years. I always had tremendous respect for Pat and the life he chose to live.

Sent By: Lisa Warren

Dear Mallette Family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Your Dad was such an admired man and considered an ICON in our town. He will be greatly missed. Lisa Warren and Tyler Howell

Sent By: Jeff Smith

Pat was one of the coaches when I was a student manger in high School and he helped me start my officiating career. Thanks to Pat I have been officiating High School and College sports for over 40 years. My condolences to the entire Mallette family.

Sent By: Gail (Clough) Richardson

My thoughts and prayers to the family. Pat was such a great person. I grew up hearing many stories from my grandparents, Jim and Gladys Clough and my uncle, Duane Clough of Uehling of the younger years. Both Duane and Pat enjoyed many things throughout the years. He certainly will be missed.

Sent By: Gail Thompson Buchanan

My condolences to all of the Mallette family. Mr. Mallette was a teacher when I was in high school and a neighbor when I lived in the Hollystone area in Blair. My daughter and Pat(son) used to play together. He was such a nice man.

Sent By: John Abbott

Pat was the first person I met when considering a move to Blair to teach school in 1970. Pat obviously, made a great impression on me and so we moved to Blair and it became our Home for past 40 plus years. During that time Pat and I have maintained our friendship. We are now on vacation and will be unable to attend Pat's service, but we send our prayers and thoughts to my FIRST friend's family. I am but one of many that Pat's friendship and guidance has influenced during his time with us.

Sent By: Russ Nelsen

Pat had a major influence in my real estate career and in the direction of my life. Thanks for all the Super Bowl tickets you provided me and your common sense knowledge of real estate and life that you shared with me. I will never you or your family

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Sent By: Don Brown

I am truly Sorry for Your Loss. Pat to me was one great example of a true Cornhusker Athlete plus a great roll model for many UNL baseball players. I met him as a freshman on the baseball field in 1953 and he became an inspiration to me. When I asked my roommate at UNL about Pat Mallette , he told me that for his money, Pat was the greatest high school athlete that he ever saw and played against. He was just a true natural athlete, plus a friend to many. We followed his career all through his officiating days as best we could. Our daughter, who lives in Blair has kept me informed from time to time about him. During my time at UNL, the 2 greatest athletes that I ever saw were Pat and Bobby Reynolds the football player. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE PAT MALLETTE FAMILY.

Sent By: Marlin Brant

My thoughts and prayers are with you Mr. Mallette and your family. I was a student of his from 1958 to 1960 when I graduated from Blair High School. He was the best teacher I ever had and he had a great influence on my life. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Marlin Brant

Sent By: Terrence O. Kelley

To The Mallette Family Pat made an impression on me in my life just like my Father did Jim Kelley. I think they were one in the same they both loved the river and there Family .Mr Mallette you will be missed by more than your Family. God bless you .Give Crystal a hug.

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