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Ocala, FL. - Professor E. Wayne Sunderland Jr., 87, died August 19, 2015. He was born on March 9, 1928 in Middlebury, VT. Wayne, as he was referred to by others, grew up in Hyde Park, NY. He attended Syracuse University and Ithaca College.

He served two years in the Navy. After discharge he played one season of minor league baseball. He taught 10 years in the Hyde Park School District. In 1962, he taught at Pratt Institute, coaching baseball, soccer and basketball. There were numerous championships including five years All Americans while coaching soccer. He was chairman of the Men's and Women's Physical Education and director of athletics at Pratt.

For six years, Wayne was the athletic director of C.W Post College in NY. He served as president of the Intercollegiate Soccer Conference of America and president of the Metropolitan College Athletic's Directors Association. He was the creator of the Senior Bowl College Soccer program and served on the US Olympic Soccer Committee.

In 1970, Wayne was elected mayor of Massapequa Park, NY and served three terms. He was also the US congressional aide for municipal affairs for the third congressional district of NY.

In 1980, he became the program director for People to People Sports Committee, where he planned and supervised sports exchanges in Europe, Africa, South America, Australia and Asia. He visited over 25 countries.

Professor Sunderland retired in Ocala, FL in 1997 and served as president of his homeowner's association for three years.

He is survived by his brother, Robert, and two sons, E. Wayne III and Lawrence, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Katie, and daughter, Kathy Ann.

He was not only a loving father and grandfather, but a dear friend and mentor to all who knew him.

He always has a smile and a song in his heart - "Another Day in Paradise" - and an amazing whistle!

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