



In Memory of
Mr. Cyril Oliver Havird

November 27, 1923 - February 3, 2016

COLUMBIA - A funeral service for Cyril Oliver Havird, 92, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with a private burial in Elmwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10 until 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family

Mr. Havird died Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Born in Newberry, he was a son of the late Henry David Havird and Georgia Hair Havird. He attended Newberry College and later graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Master's in Education. He was honored as an inductee to the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame. In the fall of 1942, Havird was an All-State honorable mention, scoring six touchdowns from his offensive end position. In 1943, he left school to serve as a medic in the Army during World War II.

Upon his return, he resumed his baseball career and, in 1946, signed a pro baseball contract with the New York Giants after an All-State senior season. After college and baseball, Havird pursued his passion for his third sport played at Newberry, which was basketball. After capturing the 1952 Springs Mills Southern Textile Championship as a player-coach, he took the reins of basketball programs at North High School and Eau Claire High School. During his eight seasons at Eau Claire, Havird's teams won five conference championships and a state title. Havird moved his career to administration and served as a principal and superintendent in

Richland County School District Two for eight years. Even through his career, Havird's athletic journey was far from over. He won 15 South Carolina Senior Tennis Championships and held #1 standing in the state in singles, double, and mixed doubles. He was a two-time medalist at the National Senior Olympic Basketball Championships, winning gold in 1993 and silver in 1995. Mr. Havird was a member of Dentsville Lions Club and a long serving and faithful member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for 60 years.

Surviving are his sons, Cyril O. Havird, Jr. of Columbia and David Clyde Havird (Carol) of Piedmont; daughter, Suzanne Jones of Rock Hill; five grandchildren, David, Brad, John Havird, Forrest Havird and Rebecca Jones; and numerous great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Frances Dent Havird; sister, Mary Frances Oliver; stepbrother, Gerald Boozer; and granddaughter, Amanda Jones.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3909 Forest Drive, Columbia, SC 29204 or send flowers to Dunbar Funeral Home, 3926 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

Visitation

Saturday, February 6, 2016 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Good Shephard Lutheran Church
3909 Forest Dr, Columbia, SC 29206

Driving Directions

Funeral Service

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