
Walter F. Allabaugh

Walter F. Allabaugh, 90, of Wilkes-Barre, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 8, 2018, at his home.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on Aug. 29, 1927, son of the late Harry and Grace Allabaugh.

Walter was a graduate of E.L. Meyers High School, Class of 1945, where he lettered in baseball, football and track.

He was formerly division sales manager for the Jewel Tea Co., retiring with 39 years of service.

He served in the [U.S. Navy](#). The day of his discharge, he signed with the Cleveland Indians to play professional baseball, but a shoulder injury ended his career.

Walter refereed high school and college basketball for 39 years and was active with American Legion baseball for 40 years. He was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 1987, followed by induction into the American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame, Basketball Officials Lifetime Hall and Meyers High School Hall of Fame.

He volunteered to seek college prospects and helped kids apply for scholarships. One of the featured events Walter lived for was the Dr. George P. Moses Senior All-Star Classic, where he was active in starting, served as treasurer and raised more than \$1 million since its inception of 49 years.

Luzerne County/John Louis Popple Sports Hall of Fame presented Walter with the 2016 "Sam Falcone Award." The award is presented yearly to a person in recognition of their dedication to community service.

Walter was a member of Central United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre.

He and his wife, the former MaryAnn Rushworth, would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 22, 2018.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Lois Brown Allabaugh, and his two sons, Gary and Gregg Allabaugh.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are his children, Robert and Sharon Rushworth, Brentwood, Calif.; and Robin Blight, Luzerne; daughter-in-law, Mary Allabaugh, Scranton; and grandchildren, Jennifer and Kristen Blight and Jaime and Chelsea Rushworth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wyoming Valley Athletic Association.

Friends may call from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Mamary-Durkin Funeral Service, 59 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre, followed by a funeral service at 6:30 p.m.

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