Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors

Roy Julius "Deck" Woldt (October 22, 1919 - December 25, 2014)

Roy Julius "Deck" Woldt, 95, died December 25, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, January 3, 2015, at Zion Lutheran Church, with Rev. Michael Erickson, pastor, officiating. A celebration of Deck's life will follow the services with coffee and dessert in the church fellowship hall. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



A double memorial graveside service will be held at a later date in Egg Harbor Town Cemetery in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin for Deck and his wife Eloise.

Mr. Woldt, also known as Coach Woldt, was born October 22, 1919 in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin to August "Dick" and Ann Herbst Woldt. He attended high school at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin where he played several sports. Deck joined the Army Air Force during World War II and served as a radio operator on Solomon and Fiji Islands in the South Pacific in the 35th Fighter Control Squadron.

During the years of 1946-1954, he played on several minor league baseball teams. While attending Southwestern University in Weatherford, Oklahoma to earn his teaching degree, the Pampa Oilers ball team offered him a signing bonus during the 1950 season. He married Dorothy Eloise Hall Bowen on March 20, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa. After graduating from college, Deck played his final season with the Oilers in 1955.

Coach Woldt was hired to teach school and coach football, baseball and golf for the Pampa ISD before retiring in 1985. Some of the many honors he received over the years were Baseball Coach of the Year in the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1965, and Door County League Hall of Fame in Door County, Wisconsin in 1993. Deck was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church where he served as church elder.

Deck was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 2006; a stepson, Russell D. Bowen in 1999; a brother, Roland "Fritz" Woldt; and 3 sisters, Myrtle Woldt Patza, Clara Woldt Becker, and Elizabeth "Betty" Woldt Baster, all of Door County, Wisconsin.

Survivors include his stepdaughter, Sandra Bowen Cox Wright and husband Lee of Seattle, Washington; a grandson, James Roy Cox and wife Melissa of Seattle, Washington; a granddaughter, Kelli Wright Shea and husband Jeff of Seattle, Washington; two great-granddaughters, Janyssa Cox Kester and Payton Cox, both of Seattle, Washington; a great-grandson, Spencer Shea of Seattle, Washington; sister-in-law: Corrine Schneider Woldt of Sister Bay, Door County, Wisconsin, and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106; Shepard's Crook Home Health Care, 916 N. Crest Road, Pampa, Texas 79065; or Zion Lutheran Church Helping Hands, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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