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**Deceased: Leonard R. Ellison**

**Date: February 10, 1995**

WHITEHALL, Wis. - Leonard R. Ellison, 81, of Whitehall died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1995, in Tri-County Memorial Hospital. He will be lovingly remembered as a husband, father, brother, grandfather, friend, athlete, athletic official, business man, community leader and an active member of his church.

Leonard was born May 15, 1913, in Blair to John and Clara "Rosey" (Brown) Ellison. He graduated from Blair High School in 1932. He played and managed minor league baseball from 1932 until 1941. He married Florence Beach Feb. 14, 1937, in Stillwater, Minn. They lived and worked in the Blair and Whitehall communities since that time.

Leonard served on the Whitehall School Board from 1973 to 1988. He officiated basketball, baseball and football games for 35 years. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 as a friend of athletics by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association.

Mr. Ellison is survived by his wife, Florence; five sons and daughters, Toby (Marian) of Menomonie, Wis., Faith (Richard) Berglund of Mosinee, Wis., John (Mary Anne) of Colorado Springs, Col., Mary Ellison of Minneapolis, and Carol Nelson of Osseo; a brother, John L. (Eleanor) of Wauwatosa, Wis.; a sister, Arvilla (Alden) Elland of Blair; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Willard.

Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Whitehall. The Revs. Richard Kelling and La Moine Jacobs will officiate. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Blair. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today in Jack Funeral Home, Whitehall, and one hour prior to the services at the church Saturday.

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