

Remembrance

Ted Williams

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January 17, 1926 -

January 15, 2021



HARLAN - Ted L. Williams was born on January 17, 1926 to David and Irene (Brown) Williams in Knoxville, IA. Ted participated in many sports during his high school days at Knoxville with track being his favorite. Upon graduation in 1944, Ted joined the Marine Corps and spent many months overseas at various locations during his military career. Upon completion of his military career, Ted enrolled at Simpson College to obtain a degree in Education. He graduated in 1951 and started his teaching career with stops at Elkhart and Pacific Junction before arriving at Harlan in 1955. Ted spent two summers at Wyoming University to obtain his Masters Degree. He was the basketball and track coach and assisted with football during his early years at Harlan. Ted retired from teaching in 1987 with 32 years of service with Harlan High School.

Ted placed second in the discus throw at Drake Relays in his senior year of high school. Certificates rather than medals were given the participants during the war years. Some of his close friends in Altoona made the Drake Relays personnel aware of the award. Drake Relay personnel made a medal presentation to Ted on his 93rd Birthday, 75 years after he had won the award

Ted started youth baseball in Harlan during the summer months. His early team was better known as the Michel's Midgets. Later years, Ted started the baseball program at the high school. Ted enjoyed baseball and spent most of his summer months for many years as American Legion 7th District Chairman promoting youth baseball in the area.

Ted was united in marriage on August 25, 1952 to Donna Joens in Highland Park, IL. Donna passed away on January 12, 2000 after 37 plus years of marriage. Ted reconnected with Gloria Nichols a former classmate from Knoxville. They spent 14 years together living in West Des Moines and Altoona areas. Gloria passed away on December 23, 2017. Ted continued to spend time in Harlan and Altoona. Ted often remarked that he had three special ladies in his life, his mother, Donna, and Gloria.

Ted passed away in Des Moines on January 15, 2021 just short two days of his 95th birthday. Survivors include special friends Harlan and Jocelyn Van Wyk and their extended family of Runnells, IA, Randy and Deb Nowatzke of Harlan, Bernie Heller of Council Bluffs; and many friends and former students.

A 6:00 PM Funeral Service was officiated by Pastor Phillip Nielsen on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Randy Nowatzke, Harold Brensel, Bernie Heller, Bill Reid, and Harlan Van Wyk served as casket bearers. Military rites were provided by Knoxville American Legion Baty Tucker Post No. 168 on Friday, January 22, 2021 at Graceland Cemetery in Knoxville.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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