



David Norman Carlson

June 25, 1927 - November 5, 2011

David Norman Carlson, 84, of Meadow Bridge, WVA passed away Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011. He was born June 25, 1927 at Milwaukee, WI to the late Oscar and Mabel Woodbury Carlson.

David loved football, Boy Scouts, and wrestling, he graduated from the Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD), also a graduate of Gallaudet College (now University) in Washington, DC. He was a stalwart wrestler during his years at Gallaudet. Upon graduation from Gallaudet College Dave worked as a teacher, dorm counselor, Scout Master and assistant coach at the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD) for two years. He worked as a printer for the Whitmore Printing Company in Annapolis, MD until he was offered and accepted the position as a graphic arts instructor at the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) in 1957. Dave taught at SDSD for 17 years before moving to Frederick, MD with his wife, Bettie in 1974 where he worked as a dorm counselor, Scout Master and junior varsity coach until he retired after another 17 years.

Dave has been recognized and honored as an inductee into four Hall of Fames. He was inducted into the Gallaudet University Athletic Hall of Fame in the area of wrestling on October 28, 1995. He was inducted into the WSD Athletic Hall of Fame in area of football on July 15, 2000 and the SDAD Hall of Fame on Sept. 27, 2003 for his contributions in education category.

He attended the Church of Christ in Springdale. In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by a brother, Orville Carlson. Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Bettie Carlson of Meadow Bridge; a sister, Greta Queen of Milwaukee, WI; he is also survived by many of his wife's family and a host of students and friends.

According to his wishes, Dave was cremated and no services were held. Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 5251 Robert C. Byrd Drive, Beckley was in charge of the arrangements.