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Ralph E. Owen, born September 27, 1922 to Floyd and Helene in French Lick, Indiana, passed from this life April 9, 2013. Ralph was a dedicated father to Marty, Tom, Mary Ellen, Cathe and Joey. Papaw to Hannae, Matdisen, Kara, Kevin, Michael, Phillip, Mathew and Audrey. Married Paula in 1974, upon retirement in 1986 moved to Canadian Lakes where he was able to pursue his passion of golf. Ralph was an inspiring mentor to the students he taught and coached. After a 3 yr. enlistment in the navy, WW2, graduated from Indiana Central (Indianapolis University), taught and coached in Indiana for 6 years, moved to the Detroit area and accepted a position with U of D high school, subsequently served as director of the Detroit Catholic League. Ralph was a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Assn., and inducted in the following Halls of Fame, The Indiana Central Basketball Team 1942 Hall of Fame., Bishop Borgess Hall of Honor, Michigan High School Coach 's Hall of Fame and the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame. He was captain of both his high school basketball team and college basketball team.



Tribute Wall

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Mary Ashmore lit a candle in honor of Ralph.



July 14 at 2:48 PM



Gene Grewe posted:

I just learned of Ralph's passing and wanted to send my condolences. I worked with Ralph at Bishop Borgess and have many fond memories of him. He was a great athletic director who was concerned to have the best for the athletes and coaches; he was not concerned about himself. He was a wonderful treasure-trove of stories about the "old days" in sports and especially in the Catholic League. I spent many joyful hours listening to his stories. I learned a lot from him about how to coach and how to be a better person.

April 18 at 9:06 PM



Mary Ashmore July 14 at 2:45 PM

thanks for posting. Makes this daughter so proud and was lucky to attend Bishop Borgess although not very long, but my memories of the pep rally while he was in the hospital brings tears to my eyes.



John J. Morad posted:

I played for Coach Owen from 1955 through 1957. He was an inspiration, a friend and a mentor. At our reunion he paid me the highest compliment possible when he told me I was the toughest player he ever coached. I remember him fondly and will continue to do so. My condolence to his family. JOHN J. MORADU of D High Class of 1957

April 17 at 5:04 AM



Mary lit a candle in honor of Ralph.

A better man, I have never met.



April 16 at 9:50 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ralph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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