

Teeple Sr., Donald

Donald A. Teeple Sr., 79, of Minden City, passed from this world on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Donald was born on June 26, 1923 in Charleston, MI to the late Bert W. and Ella (Jacobs) Teeple. He attended Deckerville High School and graduated at 15 in 1939. In 1941, he joined the naval forces on the USS Wasp in the Pacific. He later accepted an appointment to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. Following World War II, Donald attended Michigan State University, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of Michigan, earning three separate master's degrees and an educational specialist degree. His career in education began at Sandusky as a teacher during 1951 to 1952. From 1952 to 1954 he served as principal of Carsonville High School. He became Superintendent of Schools in the Ubly District, following several years there as a teacher, guidance counselor, and High School principal. He culminated his career in education as a school psychologist for Tuscola Intermediate School District before retiring in 1987. During his retirement, Donald enjoyed traveling, playing golf, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. After his family, his greatest love was sports of all types. He participated when he could, and observed when he became less physically able. Prior to beginning his career in education, he was a professional baseball umpire in the minor leagues. Donald is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marion (Schock) of Minden City; five children, Donald A. Teeple Jr. of Sandusky, Catherine Freeman and her husband, William, of Birmingham, Patricia Kramer and her husband, Clair, of Harbor Beach, Thomas N. Teeple and his wife, Laura, of North Carolina, Mary Kramer and her husband, Paul, of Harbor Beach; two sisters, Ruth Foster and her husband, Sydney, of Minden, Nev., Marion Greene and her husband, William, of Elk Rapids; several grandchildren, Donald A. Teeple III, Anthony J. Teeple, Courtney Freeman, Carter Freeman, Katy Kramer, Keegan Kramer, and Kinsey Kramer; one sister-in-law, Eleanor Teeple of Minden City; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his brother, Harry Teeple, who died in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Funeral mass for Donald Teeple Sr. will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with graveside military honors by the Ruth VFW Post No. 5740. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening with the Rev. Steve Gavit at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church or to the Donald Teeple Scholarship Fund at the Ubly Community Schools.