



Sazama, Edward T

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Edward T. (Ed) Sazama, 86, passed away on October 25, 2012, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

A memorial service will be held 11:00am Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Heritage Funeral Home.

Ed Sazama was born January 11, 1926 in Osmond, NE to Tom and Agnes (Grause) Sazama. The family moved to Mission in 1928 where he was very active in sports and graduated from high school in 1944.

He entered the service and served with the 96th Infantry Division in Okinawa where he received the Combat badge and two bronze stars. Ed was then stationed outside Manilla and marched in the Philippine Independence parade on July 4, 1946; he was discharged from the Army in November of 1946.

Upon his return from the Pacific campaign he enrolled at Southern College in 1947. He played baseball and was a member of the 1949 Southern Pointer's undefeated team. During the summer of 1949 Ed played baseball with the Winner Pheasants and was managed by Mickey Owens. In 1950 he played with Lesterville winning the State Amateur baseball title.

In 1950 Ed married Peg Monfore, four children were born of this marriage. Ed graduated from Southern State Teacher's College in 1950 and earned his master's degree in 1958 from Colorado State University. He taught and coached at Avon, SD from 1950 to 1956 and then moved to Sioux Falls where he continued teaching and coaching at Patrick Henry Junior High until his retirement in 1986. He also officiated in the Sioux Falls region for many years. Ed was co-owner of the Trail a Mix from 1958 to 1977. In 1978 Ed married Millie (Morgan) Burgess.

He was a life member of the SDEA, VFW, 96th Infantry Division, and SDHSCA. He was recognized by the Southern College Hall of Fame for 25 years of service, coaching and teaching industrial arts. In 2006 Ed was honored for 50 years of service to the Howard Wood Relays.

He is survived by his wife, Millie, one son, Jim (Sandy) of Olathe CO and three daughters, Kathy (Steve) McComb of Telluride CO, Kristy (Dave) Williams of Aberdeen, Sandy (Chad) Conard of Custer, two step-sons Scott (Trixy) Burgess of Sioux Falls, and Mark (Shannon) Burgess of Hampton, GA; nine grandchildren; Travis, Jamie, Josh, Carly, Jenny, Cole, Steve, Katie and Jacob and four great-grandchildren; Jaydin, Jayce, Jayla and Zoehy. Two brothers Tom and John and two sisters Alice and Shirley. Special nephew, Jerry (Lorena) Sazama and many other nieces and nephews. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Agnes, a brother, George, and sister, Helen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be directed to the VFW Post 628.www.heritagesfsd.com.