

Allan Henningsen, 87

June 9, 1928 - May 7, 2016

COLUMBIA, MO — Allan

C. Henningsen was born June 9, 1928 in Atlantic to William and Emma Miller Henningsen. He attended Northwest Missouri State University on an athletic scholarship, playing both basketball and football. He was inducted into the NWMSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. He served in the United States Navy from 1946-1948. In 1950, he was selected in the ninth round of the NBA draft by the Fort Wayne Pistons and had a short professional career before retiring due to an injury. He later



attended the University of Missouri-Columbia where he earned a Doctorate in Education Administration.

Allan married Verlee Mae Poldberg of Jacksonville on July 25, 1952. She preceded him in death on February 7, 2016. For the past 63 years, they lived in the following communities in Missouri where Allan served as Superintendent of Schools: Watson, Fairfax, Richmond, Lebanon, Sedalia and St. Charles.

Allan was a loving husband and father who enjoyed golf, fishing, boating, hunting and watching western movies. He was a member of the Olivet Christian Church in Columbia, MO, the Columbia Elks Club, and the 3 Dollar Club at Lake of the Woods Golf Course in Columbia. He will be fondly remembered for serving as a school leader who encouraged others to pursue their personal goals while serving as a mentor and friend for many who became school administrators in the state of Missouri.

He is survived by three children: Blaine and wife Cheryl of Jefferson City, MO; Dane of Kansas City, MO; and Jane of Kansas City, MO. His two grandsons are Adam Henningsen of St. Louis, MO and Eric Henningsen of Columbia, MO.

A celebration of life service will be held on June 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1010 Umbrella Road, Harlan, IA 51537. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.parkerfuneralservice.com

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