Dale McClellan Conner

Dale McClellan Conner, 80, of Pittsburg, died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center, Pittsburg, following a long illness.

He was born Aug. 23, 1922, at Burden, to Ben and Ruby (Tredway) Conner.

He attended school in the Burden area. He then attended Pittsburg State University, graduating with a bachelor of science degree. He later obtained a master of science degree.

While at PSU, he lettered in three sports: football, basketball and track and field.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943. He was chosen to go through the V-12 officers training course at PSU. He completed his tour of duty during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945.

On Aug. 2, 1945, he married Kathryn Woods at San Francisco. She survives of the home.

He was a teacher and coach at Buhler for four years. He returned to Pittsburg in 1952 to teach and coach at Pittsburg High School. In 1956, he went into the insurance business and later formed Conner Real Estate Agency. He retired in 1991.

He was a member of the Benjamin Fuller American Legion Post 64 and a member of First Christian Church, Pittsburg. He spent many years supporting and helping in the J.L. Hutchinson League and has a baseball diamond at Don Gutteridge Sports Complex named in his honor.

Additional survivors include one son, Gary Conner, of Oronogo, Mo.; one daughter, Bonnie Fenimore, of Pittsburg; two brothers, Doyle Conner, of Belle Plaine, and Darrel Conner, of Campbell Hill, Ill., and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Devon Conner.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home with the Rev. Drs. Geoff and Ruth Ann Moran officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery. The Benjamin Fuller American Legion Post 64 will provide military rites at the graveside. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg.

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