

DEATHS

Dwain "Whitey" Aamot, 85

Dwain "Whitey" Aamot, age 85, of Waseca, died Monday, May 22, 2000, at Colony Court in Waseca.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 26, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca. The Rev. Katherine Horn will officiate.

Interment will follow at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2000, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Kinder-Dennis Home for Funerals in Waseca.

Honorary casket bearers are Stu Peterson, Joe Lynch, Bruce Wick, John Bendix, Ernie Markham, Lee Storby, Bill Rausch, John Steck, Jerry Olinger and Melvin Meyer.

Dwain Aamot, the son of Albert and Trudie (Mickelson) Aamot, was born on May 11, 1915, in Fairfax. He graduated from Granite Falls High School in 1932. He attended Macalester College in St. Paul where he participated in football, basketball and baseball. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1941. He taught health and physical education in Winnebago and also coached football, basketball and baseball.

He married Barbara Ohnesorge on March 12, 1943, in Minneapolis. He served in the U. S. Navy from



1943-1945. Following his discharge, he returned to the University of Minnesota and received his masters degree in physical education in 1946. He and his wife moved to Waseca in 1946 where he taught physical education and health.

He conducted the "Rhythm Festival" for 25 years which taught the kids line dancing, round dancing, square dancing, mixers, the fox trot, waltz, polka, cha cha, tango, lindy and schottische. He had also coached and served as athletic director from 1947 until his retirement in 1980.

He was a nationally known square dance caller and teacher, having called for 53 years. He received the first ever Minnesota Square Dance Callers Association (MSDCA) award and he was also the first caller to enter the Square Dance Callers Hall of Fame. He served as president of the MSDCA and of the State Federation of Square Dancers and was a member of the Caller Lab which includes callers from all over the world. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca.

He is survived by two son, John Aamot and his wife, Nancey, of Las Vegas, Nev., James Aamot and his wife, Cynthia, of Owatonna; by two daughters, Christine Aamot and her husband Aeron Grice of Dallas, Texas, Sara Neal of Shakopee; and by six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife in 1994.

Requiem Mass Held for Howard F. McPartland

Howard Francis McPartland of Waseca died at 12:30 a.m., July 5 at Waseca Memorial hospital.

He was born June 22, 1911 in Minneapolis, the son of Frank and Ella McPartland. He attended Gustavus Adolphus college at St. Peter and graduated from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles taking his masters degree work at the University of Minnesota. He served 2½ years as a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He was an instructor in Melrose and Columbia Heights schools before coming to Waseca where he taught for 15 years in the public school.

Several public offices held included president of the Waseca Teachers Association in 1960-61. He was currently on the library board and on the baseball board, was past president of the State Co-ordinators and was a Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

In 1941, he married Marguerite Swift of Waseca at Sacred Heart Catholic church. The couple moved to Waseca from Los Angeles in 1947.

Survivors include his wife and one daughter, Pamela, at home; two brothers, Thomas and John McPartland, and one sister, Miss Helen McPartland, all of Minneapolis.

Requiem mass was recited by the Rev. Paul Halloran, a cousin of the deceased of Mankato, at Sacred Heart church Monday at 9 a.m.

Pallbearers were Robert Degnan, Joseph Skudlarek, LeRoy Magner, Herbert Streitz, George Herter and Judge John Cahill.

The 4th Degree Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus were escorted by Robert Bayan and participated in the last rites.

Lindquist Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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