

## Carl Lee "Coach" Edwards (1936-2009)



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Carl "Coach" Lee Edwards, 72, retired teacher, golf coach, and athletic director, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2009. He was under the care of Sterling Commons Care Facility in Victorville.

He was born Oct. 9, 1936 to the late William and Archie Jane Edwards in Coalgate, Okla. He graduated from

Coalgate High School and received his Master's Degree from the University of Oklahoma. He was married to Tommye June Lowrance on Nov. 27, 1957 in Coalgate, Okla.

He and Tommye moved to Barstow in 1962 and began teaching for Barstow Unified School District. He taught U.S. History and Geography at Barstow High School for five years. In 1969 he began coaching golf and in 1990 assumed the Athletic Director position at Barstow High School. He formally retired in 2000.

Carl is survived by his wife, Tommye; daughter, Carla and her husband, Jim Klauer; his son and his wife, Todd and Anke; grandsons, Kevin, Sean, and Ryan Klauer of Redmond, Wash, and Keaton Edwards of Apple Valley; sisters, Sara Jane of Durant, Okla., Betty of Springfield, Va., and Patricia of Tulsa, Okla. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and many friends. In addition to his parents, seven brothers, William, Frank, Gene, Hugh, John, Joe and James, and sister, Mary preceded him in death.

Carl was diagnosed with TNK-cell Lymphoma in 2001. He battled the cancer into remission twice. Carl was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family and friends. Many of those that knew him affectionately referred to him as "Coach".

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Mead Mortuary, 36930 Irwin Road.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Community Hospice, 16147 Kamana Road, Apple Valley, Calif. 92307 (760-946-4730) in the name of Carl Edwards.

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