

Allen Walker Neale, 89

Allen Walker Neale of Durham, N.C. passed away at the Meadowlands in Hillsborough, N.C. on April 19, 2006. He was preceded in death by Jane, his wife of 64 years, who passed away May 29, 2005. They have once again been united.



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Allen was born on April 30, 1916 in Boonville, Mo. He graduated from Boonville High School where he was an outstanding athlete. He attended Northwest Missouri State Teacher's College in Maryville, Mo. on an athletic scholarship for basketball and swimming. He met his wife there.

Allen and Jane Clinkenbeard were married in Columbia, S.C. on March 8, 1941 while Allen was on active duty with the Boonville National Guard during WWII. He served in the 6th Armored Division under General Patton with the 128th Field Artillery, Battery D. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars, as well as numerous other medals. He was at the Battle of the Bulge.

Allen worked more than 50 years in the paint and decorating business, and retired from Sherwin-Williams Paint Company as Store Manager in

Kansas City in 1989. He continued to paint, however, even after retiring. Gardening and carpentry were his other passions in life. He built the house on Hyde Park Avenue in St. Joseph where he and Jane raised their two children.

Allen was a member of the King Hill Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Moila Shrine Temple all in St. Joseph. He was active for many years in the Rotary Club and was a member of several Senior's groups. He was a member of Robbins Road Christian Church and an associate member of Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church both in Durham, N.C.

Survivors include his daughter, Mindy Neale, of Hillsborough, N.C. and his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Priscilla Neale of Memphis, Tenn; one sister, Mary Ann Hilden of Boonville, Mo. and one brother, Orville Neale of DeKalb, Ill. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at Red Bridge Christian Church, 10842 McGee Street in Kansas City, Mo. A graveside service for the interment of his ashes will be at Westlawn Cemetery in DeKalb, Mo. at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 1st, 2006. Any questions may be directed to Mindy Neale at (919) 477-7573.

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