

TAYS

Richard R. Tays, 65, of Rapid City, S.D., and former resident of Boone, died Dec. 25, 1999, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

A Memorial Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City with the Rev. Brian Christensen officiating.

A private family burial will take place following the services.

Mr. Tays was born Jan. 3, 1934, to Robert Lee and Martha (Hendrickson) Tays in Gettysburg, S.D.. He graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1952., and attended Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell S.D., graduating in 1956. He received his Master's Degree in education from the University of Montana and nearly completed his Doctoral studies in Psychology at Iowa State University. On May 29, 1954, he married Glenny Trimble in Presho, S.D..

He was a teacher and coach at Kimball, S.D. and Burke, S.D.. He then took the position of Assistant Dean at Boone Junior College. His next position was at Des Moines Area Junior College as a psychology professor. For 13 years he served as Principal and Director of secondary education at Todd County High School. For the past 4½ years, he was Superintendent of schools for the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte school system in Eagle Butte, S.D.. He served in the education field for 43 years.

He was one of the first recipients of the Outstanding Educator awards at Dakota Wesleyan University, he was a co-founder and director of the Lakota Nation Invitational Scholarship Fund, he was in Who's Who in College Administration and he was twice NJCAA Regional Golf Coach of the Year.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife; two sons and daughter-in-law, Bob and Jane Tays of Edwardsville, Ill. and Tom Tays of Des Moines; one brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Cecile Tays of Hot Springs, S.D.; one sister and brother-in-law, Colleen and Morris Simon of Gettysburg, S.D.; and two grandsons, Robert and Cory Tays of Edwardsville.

A memorial has been established for the Richard R. Tays Dakota Wesleyan University Teacher's Education Scholarship.

Osheim-Catron Funeral Home of Rapid City, S.D. is in charge of arrangements.