



Elroy Edward McGonigal

September 16, 1935 - September 10, 2019

Elroy Edward McGonigal, Jr. was born September 16, 1935 in Bath, Michigan. He is survived by his wife: Mary E. McGonigal of Umatilla; his daughter: Sally E. Fredericks of Sorrento; his son: Matthew E. McGonigal (Natalie) of Leesburg; granddaughters: Elizabeth L. Powers and Penelope A. McGonigal; great granddaughter: Eddison Powers; and his brother: James T. McGonigal of Clermont. Ed was preceded in death by his parents: Elroy Mack and Margie McGonigal; his brother: David L. McGonigal; and his sister: Patricia McGonigal.

Ed grew up in Kissimmee, FL, where he attended Osceola High School. Ed was a Letterman in Football for the Kissimmee Cowboys. He attended the University of Florida and was a manager for the football team. In 1958 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He returned to Alma Mater for one year and then became an Assistant Football Coach at Clermont High School. In 1967 he was hired to be the Head Football Coach/Athletic Director at Umatilla High School. He also coached Track, Baseball and Basketball at Umatilla. In 1969 he was named the Daily Commercial's Football Coach of the Year. He also had back to back state runner-up track teams and won a District Championship in Basketball in 1972. He retired from teaching and coaching in 1998.

Ed's coaching accomplishments on the field always came in 2nd place to the

effect he had on other people's lives. He wants everyone to know his greatest accomplishment was surrendering his life to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was always a "good" person and considered himself "religious", however on August 28, 2014 he truly turned his life over to Jesus and received the gift of salvation and was changed forever.

In the final years of his life, his greatest passion was teaching the word of God and sharing Christ with others.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to First Baptist Church of Umatilla
"Reaching Forward" Campaign

The funeral will be held at The First Baptist Church of Umatilla on Thursday the 12th of September at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ed was one of my favorite teachers at Clermont High School. He will be remembered and respected by many alumni from CHS.* ”

Barbara Apodaca - September 11, 2019 at 11:57 PM

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“ *Great man and mentor!!! Doris and John Weizenecker and family. Sending hugs and prayers to family* ”

Doris Weizenecker - September 11, 2019 at 10:56 AM