

Teacher Obituary - Keith Bare (16 July 2006)



Keith A. Bare, 89, of Rock Island, died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Silver Cross Nursing Center, Rock Island.

No services will be held. His body has been cremated. Memorials may be made to the Erie United Methodist Church Margaret and Keith Bare Scholarship Fund. Trimble Funeral and Cremation Center, Moline, is assisting the family.

Keith Addison Bare was born March 29, 1917, in Coal Valley, son of Henry and Nell Lees Bare. He graduated from Bradley University, where he played football and basketball and ran track. He married Margaret Matthews June 14, 1941, in Erie. She died Nov. 11, 1997.

Keith was a teacher at United Township High School for 37 years, retiring in 1976. He also was a coach for either the basketball, football or track teams at some point during his tenure. Previously, he was a teacher in Kirkwood, Ill., Princeton, Ill., and Toulon, Ill.

Keith was a member of Erie United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Bradley University Hall of Fame. After retiring, he owned and operated Wild Flower Farm and Orchard in Erie.

He is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Varla Bare, Rock Island, and Michael and Jane Bare, Silvis; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and Jerry Palmquist, Carlsbad, Calif.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a sister, Elizabeth Williams.

Light a candle in Keith's memory, sign a card of condolence and share stories at www.TrimbleFuneralHomes.com.