

Teacher Obituary - Joseph Dhondt – (16 November 2005)



Funeral services for Joseph F. Dhondt, 76, of East Moline, will be 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Anne Catholic Church, East Moline. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. today at the Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline, where a rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Mr. Dhondt died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at 3:20 p.m., just after school got out. In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials may be made to the Joseph F. Dhondt Scholarship at United Township High School.

Joe was born Sept. 21, 1929, in East Moline, the son of Theophiel and Leona Huyvaert Dhondt. He married Martha Polka April 7, 1951, at St. Anne Catholic Church, East Moline.

He was a teacher and coach at UTHS for more than 35 years, retiring in 1987. He dedicated his love and life to his wife and family. Teaching and coaching at UTHS was his passion. He loved playing golf and jogging. Joe influenced many lives over the years, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Martha Dhondt, East Moline; daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Bruce Wild, Moline, Annette and Jim Wilson, Moline, Roxann and Jeff Witt, Plainfield, Ill., Jean and Scott Goebel, Silvis, Kris and Larry Heiland, East Moline; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister-in-laws, Virginia Dhondt, East Moline, Margaret Dhooge, Port Byron.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Margaret Slock; brothers, Mickey Dhooge and Phil Dhondt.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vanhoe.com.