

Paul Koval

Paul Koval of 530 Evergreen Dr., Dover, O., passed away Saturday, June 7, 1997, at Union Hospital following an extended illness. The son of the late Jacob and Catherine Koval, he was born May 1, 1922, at Freeport, Nottingham Township, O.



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He graduated salutatorian at Freeport High in 1940. He graduated cum laude from Ohio University with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education in 1948. He was elected to Kappa Delta Pi education honor society. Paul received a master of education in high school administration from Kent State University in 1952. He completed all coursework and examinations for a doctor of education at Case Western Reserve University.

Paul spent 35 years in education, beginning in Alliance, O., in 1948. He taught mathematics at State Street, Broadway and BF Stanton Junior High schools. He also taught summer school at Alliance High School. He was elementary principal for seven years of North Lincoln School and completed the Cadet Principal's program. He served as assistant junior high principal and as audio-visual director for the Alliance school system where he was also assistant superintendent.

Paul was an ordained elder of the Alliance First Presbyterian Church. He was president of the Alliance Kiwanis Club and the Alliance Education Assn., and was active in the YMCA Men's Club.

Upon coming to Dover in 1966, he became Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services from Kindergarten through grade 12 for the Dover City Schools. He was director of the adult evening school, the summer schools, and the general educational development program. He retired from teaching in 1983. In Dover he was president of the Dover Education Assn. and the Dover Kiwanis Club. He is a past Exalted Ruler of Dover Elks Lodge No. 975. He served as secretary of Dover Fraternal Order of Police Associates and as school representative for the United Way.

Paul was a member of the Ohio Education Assn., a life member of the National Education Assn., a charter member of McKinley chapter of Phi Delta Kappa education honor society, and was a member of the Tuscarawas County Retired Teachers' Assn. He was affiliated with Lodge No. 643 of the Slovene National Benefit Society in Girard, O. Paul served as Sunday school teacher, superintendent and as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in New Philadelphia. After his retirement, he was Court Constable for Judge Harlan Spies in the Court of Common Pleas of Tuscarawas County.

Paul was a veteran of World War II with overseas service in Korea as a part of the 52nd Signal Battalion, Twenty-fourth Corp. He was Personnel Sergeant-Major in the Adjutant's office in charge of all non-commissioned personnel records and accounting. An avid gardener, he also enjoyed hunting and fishing and travel to historical areas.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, whom he married 45 years ago on Aug. 18, 1951; son, Paul John and wife Lisa of Westerville; daughter, Dr. Ann Renee Koval and husband Mark Wodarczyk of Westerville; and beloved grandchildren, Elyse, Jillian and Jacob Koval. His brother and sisters are John of Warren, Mich., Anne Kulasa of Warren, Mich., Sophia Dzurak of Marysville, Mich., and Suzanne Balog of Clinton Township, Mich. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Catherine Koval, brothers Mike, Jack, Joe and George Koval; and sisters Katherine Zavatky and Mary Mudrak.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, in the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home at Dover. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mark Behrendt officiating. Interment will follow in the Dover Burial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Department of Neurology, Ohio State University Hospitals, Columbus, O.; or to the First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia.

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