



Carlos Edison Deason

July 27, 1925 - May 14, 2015

Carlos Edison Deason, 89, of Quincy, passed away May 14, 2015 in Tallahassee. He was born July 27, 1925 in Bristol, Florida to William A. and Ethel Peters Deason. He was a lifelong resident of this area and an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and gardening. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where he served in numerous leadership positions. He was also a graduate of the Florida State University where he received his Bachelor's, Master's and Advanced Master's degrees in education.

Carlos successfully completed 43 years of public service on December 31, 1987 when he retired as principal at Shanks High School in Quincy. Carlos began his long career soon after high school by serving in the U. S. Navy during World War II and then began his career as teacher, coach, county supervisor and principal. Deason began his teaching and coaching career at Liberty County High school in 1947. In 1952, he moved to Quincy High School in Gadsden County and began a rebuilding program in a school where the football teams had gone winless for 2 years. In 1954, his team won the Conference Championship. The following year the team repeated as Conference Champions and went undefeated.

At the conclusion of his coaching career at both Liberty County High and Quincy High, Deason's teams had won 138 games, lost 52 games, and tied 7 games. Additionally, his teams had been undefeated 4 times, had won 9 Conference Championships, and had won 4 out of 6 bowl games. He was

named Conference Coach of the Year 8 times and was All Big Bend Coach of the Year twice. He also served as Coach for the North Squad in the Annual Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) Senior All-Star football game in 1960. In 1991, he was inducted into the FHSAA Hall of Fame. In 1967, Deason was appointed principal at Quincy High School. During his years as principal, he served with distinction. He served on the FHSAA Board of Directors for 6 years; on the FHSAA Executive Committee for 4 years; initiated the first school-based health clinic in Florida, appeared on the Good Morning America Program to discuss the work and success of the health clinic; was a consultant to the Florida Information Resource Network (FIRN) to make the resources of Dade County available to all other schools and counties interested in computerizing students' records; and received special recognition for setting up an innovative program to improve overall student achievement and improve students' test scores on State Student Assessment. Carlos was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Ivaleen Sykes Deason, and son Randy Deason. He is survived by two sons, Ken Deason and his wife Pam and Terry Deason and his wife Martha Jane. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jim Deason, Chuck Deason, Matt Deason, Jared Deason, Liam Deason, Nathan Sturnlio, and Nicholas Sturnlio; and six great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends, Friday, May 15, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. at Bevis Funeral Home in Bristol. The Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday May 16, 2015 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in Bristol, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Big Bend Hospice, the LDS Missionary Fund, or any scholarship funds serving the students of Liberty or Gadsden Counties. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850) 643-3636, www.bevisfh.com

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

NW Pleasant Hill Cemetery Road
Bristol, FL 32321

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bevis Funeral Home of Bristol
12008 NW Highway 20
Bristol, FL 32321
(850) 643-3636

Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
12605 NW Myers Ann Street
Bristol, FL 32321

Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to read of Mr Deason's passing. He hired me as a Home Ec. Teacher in 1976. I had the privilege of working with him until he retired. A great man.and a man of high moral values. He will be missed!

Harriett F. Bryant - May 15, 2015 at 01:28 PM

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“ Carlos Deason was an exceptional influence to me as a member of the L.D.S. church, in Quincy, Florida. I will also remember this confident, family oriented, devoted person. Carlos will be missed by everyone who knew him and who he influenced. My heart-felt sympathy goes out to Ken and Terry, as well as the rest of the Deason family. Do not hesitate to call upon me if you need any assistance.

Juanita Colson - May 14, 2015 at 10:06 PM

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“ *In Quincy, Florida, as a child growing up in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is where I became acquainted with Carlos Deason. Brother Deason instilled in me the gospel, as was directed to him by the spirit of Jesus Christ. His character is that of a hard-working, stalwart individual, possessing unwavering integrity. I am so grateful for being his daughter-in-law, and I will never forget the kindness he awarded me, at all times. I love Carlos Deason, and I express my condolences to the entire Deason family.*



"Good Men must die, but death cannot Kill their names."

~ Danish Proverb

Lucretia Colson Deason - May 14, 2015 at 09:52 PM