



Our organization has lost a very special member. Past President and Historian, John DeWitt '51, passed away on October 4<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness. John was a three sport letterman, Hall of Fame inductee and a founding member of the Lettermen's Association. John is also best known for his decades of service to ensure the highest level of integrity is maintained with our Hall of Fame Selection process. His dedication to our organization at the highest level helped build the foundation for our current success.

## **John U. DeWitt**

Born October 6, 1928 to David Augustus DeWitt and Sarah Moore Owen DeWitt in Waco, TX. Graduated from Waco High School in 1947, and from what is now Texas A&M University in 1952 with a degree in Agriculture and in 1959 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

At Waco High he lettered in both basketball and baseball. John played three different sports while attending Texas A&M College. This outstanding athlete lettered in baseball (3), basketball (3), and track (1) for the Aggies from 1949 to 1952. Among his achievements are: SWC Champion 440-Yard Dash (1952), SWC Champion Mile Relay (1952), SWC Track Team Champions (1952), Member of the 1951 College World Series Baseball Team, SWC Baseball Co-Champions (1951), All-SWC, Baseball, Outfield, (1951) and SWC Tri-Champions (NCAA Tournament), Basketball (1951).

Selected to Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame 1978. Served as President of the Texas A&M Letterman's Association in 1991 and as Historian from 1990 to 2010. John is also a member of the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame and the Fergus Falls Sports Hall of Fame in MN.

Entered United States Air Force in August of 1952 and was honorably discharged in August 1954 as a First Lieutenant.

He and his family were founding members of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and School and Bishop Dunne High School.

Predeceased in death by his parents, David DeWitt (brother), James Lane DeWitt (son) and Shelly Lane Adamcik (granddaughter). Survived by wife of 58 years Lynn, sons Michael and wife Denise DeWitt and Kelly and wife Melissa DeWitt as well as daughter Sally and husband Jimmy Adamcik. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Additionally, he is survived by his brother Bill DeWitt and wife Hester and his sister Sarah Thomsen.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Holy Trinity School or to Sisters of St. Mary 909 W. Shaw St, Fort Worth, TX 76110.

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

In the Aggie Spirit...



Visitation and Rosary - Thursday, October 8 @ Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Memorial Mass - Friday, October 9 @ Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Private Interment at DFW National Cemetery