



Charles "Chuck" Raymond Wenstrom

February 20, 1931 - September 25, 2023

Chuck passed away on Monday, September 25 at the age of 92. Following his United States Air Force service during the Korean conflict, he attended Oregon State College, earning his Bachelors of Education in 1960 and his Masters of Education in 1971. His main activity during college was being the Editor of the Barometer during his senior year. After graduation he worked for the Oregon State System of Higher Education as a Director of information in Portland. He returned to Oregon State as Assistant Alumni Director and Editor of The Oregon Stater alumni magazine. He also served as the assistant sports information director for the athletic department. He retired after 25 years as a high school teacher in the Corvallis School District. His major hobby was his 25-year involvement in sports in general, as a player, team manager, coach, and high school football and basketball official. Chuck and his surviving wife, Joanne, were married 73 years. He is also survived by his son Eric and daughter Kristen, and three grandchildren. He was the author of REFEREE, STAYING UP TO SNUFF, about his many years as a football official, and his other book IT NEVER RAINS IN AUTZEN STADIUM, THE DON ESSIG STORY, about his best friend Don at Oregon State, and the PA announcer for the Oregon Ducks football and men's basketball. Chuck was always very proud of his connection to Oregon State and would tell you he was a "Beaver through and through!" A private service and resting place were held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.