

KENNETH "CASEY" DeGOOD

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Mt. Dora, Fl 32757

Born: Magnetic Springs, Ohio Jan. 30, 1916

Died: Eustis, Florida April 1, 2002

Casey and Freda moved to Leesburg in 1983 and were active at Hawthorne in education and current events. Casey had had a career as educator in Ohio and Michigan and developed curriculum for elementary students in science.

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, April 7, 2002, at 1 p.m. in the Hawthorne Memorial Garden to remember Casey's life. Words were spoken by Casey's associates and Freda read a poem. Daughter Janice read short passages. Approximately 45 were in attendance.

The Hawthorne Memorial Fund was represented by Trudy Adams and George Wolf.



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Kenneth DeGood, a former associate dean in Ohio, enjoyed harness racing.

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MOUNT DORA — As a small boy, Kenneth DeGood visited the county fairs in Ohio and fell in love with the horses.

Even after he grew up to become a respected academic, DeGood never lost his interest in horses. As a professor and associate dean at the University of Toledo in Ohio, DeGood dabbled in the sport of harness racing, buying and breeding horses. He died Monday in Eustis of a heart attack at 86.

One of his favorite horses was Salmungi, which is an Egyptian word for salad.

"College professors come up with some interesting names," said his son, Douglas DeGood of Atlanta. "That horse was the only one that ever won my father any money."

Born in Magnetic Springs, Ohio, DeGood married Freda Ohler in 1940 in Ypsilanti, Mich.

He worked at the University of Toledo from 1958 to 1975.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and physics from Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, in 1938, a master's degree in education from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1944 and a doctorate in educational administration from Ohio State University in Columbus in 1958.

In the 1960s, DeGood contributed to the writing of the eighth-grade state science test that was given to all students in Ohio.

"He was proud of that," said Freda DeGood.

Kenneth DeGood, a Navy veteran of World War II, retired in 1975. He and his wife moved to Leesburg in 1983 and then to Mount Dora this year.

His interest in harness racing developed in the 1960s and '70s. He bred a couple of horses, bought some at auctions and took them to tracks in Ohio and Michigan to race.

He was a moderator of the YMCA town meetings in Toledo during the 1960s.

Getting more money for schools was his favorite topic.

"He was interested in the welfare of people and the welfare of society," Freda DeGood said.

In college, he played football, basketball and baseball and remained a fan in his later years.

DeGood also is survived by his daughter Janice Tobias of Leesburg and four grandchildren.

Page-Theus Funeral Home in Leesburg is handling arrangements.