

Obituary for Ronald O. Sime

Ronald O. Sime, age 84, of Platteville, died on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at his home in Platteville.

He was born on June 18, 1926, in Platteville, the son of M. Orvin and Alice (Martens) Sime. He joined the United States Army and was trained as a surgical technician in the Medical Corps in October, 1944. While on leave, he met Frances J. Washburn and they married one week later on August 7, 1945. He returned to the Army three days later and shipped out to the Philippines in September of 1945. He was sent on to the Army of the U.S. Occupation in Japan and worked at General Headquarters of the Pacific in Tokyo, before returning to the United States, and being discharged in October of 1946.

He attended the UW-Platteville from 1947-1950, going on to earn his Masters degree at the UW-Madison. He taught school for two years each in Galena, Platteville and Mineral Point. In 1956, he received a teaching position on Guam, a U.S. Trust Territory, spending two years as a teacher and seven years as a principal before returning to Platteville in 1965. He was an administrator and principal for 25 years in the Platteville School District before retiring.

Ron was a lifetime Boy Scout receiving many awards and accolades for his service and leadership including Eagle Scout, the Silver Beaver Award and the Lamb Award. He enjoyed being on the Canyon Camp staff and his many trips to Philmont Scout Ranch out in New Mexico. A lifelong member of First English Lutheran Church, Platteville, he was a choir member for over 40 years. Remembered for his solo Christmas performance of "O Holy Night." He was a wonderful father, grandfather. He was active in community service, and was an avid outdoorsman and photographer.

Surviving Ron is his wife of more than 65 years, Frances; his sons, Wayne (Celia) Sime of Eau Claire, Scott (Katherine) Sime of Madison, and David Sime of Ellsworth; six grandchildren, Sara, Brooke, Mitchell, Jacob, Brent, and Sarah; two great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Michael. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, Platteville. The Rev. Michael Short will officiate. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery, Platteville. Military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post No. 42 and VFW Post No. 5274. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at the MELBY-BENDORF FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY, Platteville, or from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Ronald O. Sime Memorial Fund. Online condolences can be made at:

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