



# Clarence O. Riddle

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## Clarence O. Riddle

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Clarence O. Riddle, age 98, passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton. Clarence was born in Swea City, Iowa on January 2, 1921, the son of the late Clarence O. and Mabel (Godfredson) Riddle Sr. He later moved to Burt, Iowa where he graduated from high school. He graduated from Upper Iowa University where he participated in sports and also received the honor of being selected Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served 2 years in the Navy & 2 years in the Marine Corps during WW II. Two of the four years in the service were spent in the South Pacific while serving with the Marine Corps. During the time he was overseas, he earned the American Campaign Medal, the Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal with 3 stars indicating 3 major campaign battles. He also received the Bronze Star and the Silver Star. On June 21, 1947, Clarence married Edna Pethke in Manawa and she preceded him in death on April 13, 2008. He taught and coached all sports in Coggon, Iowa for 5 years. They then moved to Waupaca where he taught and coached for 5 years and later served as the High School Principal for 26 years. Clarence retired in 1983. Other activities centered around his family, whom he loved dearly. He was an ardent sports fan, especially baseball, and loved to play golf & fish. After retiring, Clarence & Edna spent the winter months in Arizona. Clarence is survived by his sons: Richard (Connie) Riddle, Appleton and Dennis (Suse) Riddle, Scandinavia; his grandchildren: Trisha (Steve) Lange, Appleton; Chad (Katrina) Riddle, Appleton; Anne (Jason Bougere) Riddle, Washington D.C.; and Jeffrey Riddle and significant other, Jenna Miller, Madison and his great grandchildren: Evan & Erica Lange and Ellie & Charlotte Riddle. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Edna, 2 brothers, Raymond & Darrel and 4 sisters, Viola, Ruth, Ruby & Wilma. Funeral Services will be on Monday, November 25 at 11 AM at Trinity Lutheran



## Obituary

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Church, Waupaca with Pastor Andy Behrendt, officiating. Full Military rites will be at church and burial will take place at Union Cemetery, Symco. Visitation will be on Sunday evening from 4 to 7 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca and also on Monday morning from 10 AM until the time of services at the church.






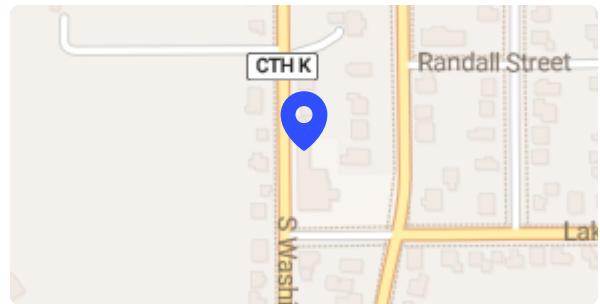
## Events

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### Visitation




-  **Sunday**, November 24, 2019
-  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **A. J. Holly & Sons (Waupaca)**  
526 S. Main St, Waupaca WI 54981



### Visitation

-  **Monday**, November 25, 2019
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **Trinity Lutheran Church**  
206 East Badger Street, Waupaca WI 54981

### Funeral Service

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## Tribute Wall

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VE

**Vint Ellis** posted:

Clarence overcame early trials to have a long and happy life. He had a good sense of humor. Despite his cancer I recall him singing a song for his doctor at Travis AFB in CA which helped brighten the doctor's day. I'll try to send the video of his song to his family. I hope family and friends are soon comforted by memories of him. Anne (and Vint)

November 27 at 10:32 AM

KW

**Kay Hansen Wiggins** posted:

Rick, your dad was an icon in our school ~ he was respected and feared! No one wanted to get in trouble with C.O.! Know that many of us are remembering him with fondness and sending wishes for peace and comfort to your family. Blessings, Kay Wiggins

November 24 at 5:39 PM

RO

**Richard Olson** posted:

I remember that "Mr Riddle" was a fine man and a fine example for us students. One of the little things I will always remember was that, more than once, he advised us that "the only person who will always really love you is your mother!" My condolences to his family. Dick Olson, WHS Class of 1955.

November 23 at 3:44 PM

SH

**Stanley Hornburg** lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

My condolence to the Riddle family. May the Lord comfort you in this time of sorrow.

November 23 at 4:10 AM



AP

**Al Pethke** posted:

So many great memories, laughs and anecdote's. Never a dull moment - rest in Peace Uncle Clarence. Condolences to all the family members!

November 21 at 12:55 PM



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KB

**Kathy Boksa** lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

C.O. was the calmest person when he was umpiring, it seemed nothing could ruffle his feathers. He and Larry can umpire together again and enjoy Lakeman games from above. Kathy and Jim Boksa



November 21 at 8:08 AM

BB

**Barry R. Bishop** posted:

He was a very fine basketball coach and teacher when I was a student at WHS in the late 50's. CO was the example of a intelligent man who was a real gentleman and it was an honor to play ball for him and listened to his wisdom in class. RIP Mr. Riddle. The best to your family. We just want to thank you for all that you did in making us and our lives better. Sincerely, Barry R. Bishop

November 21 at 4:23 AM

TS

**Tim Schwan** posted:

Will always have fond memories of Clarence following the baseball teams that Rick coached. The players and coaches loved him, his wisdom, humor, kindness and passion for the game. God blessed so many people, including me, through Clarence. Tim Schwan

November 21 at 2:48 AM

JB

**John Berto** posted:

Was a very good principal. Treated every student the same and was always supportive. Sorry for your loss.

November 20 at 4:43 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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