Donald D. Muhs, Distinguished Service

Don was born on September 19, 1931 to Charles and Alfreda Muhs of Amenia, ND. He attended grade school and high school in Amenia where he was a standout basketball player. Upon graduating from high school in 1950, he entered the Navy serving aboard the USS Randolph Aircraft Carrier. On September 17, 1954 he married Mildred (Taves) Muhs and they moved to Norfolk, VA while he completed his military service. They returned to North Dakota where Don attended Valley City State Teachers College. He completed his teaching degree in three years and then moved to Napoleon, ND where he was a teacher and coach for 7 years. In 1965, they moved back to the Fargo area where he attended NDSU pursing his graduate degree while teaching at Argusville. In 1966, Don took over superintendent duties at Argusville where he spent the next 28 years. While superintendent at Argusville, he did a little bit of everything from teaching history and drivers education, driving bus, coaching, and even sweeping the floors. In 1976, Don engineered the merger of the Argusville school district with Gardner and then a year later the merger with Grandin and the formation of the Cass Valley North school district. In 1994, Don retired with over 35 years in education. Shortly after his retirement Millie and he moved to Fargo for a few years and then in 2008 they moved to their lake house on Lake Melissa near Detroit Lakes, MN.

Don is probably best known for his basketball skills. In high school he led his team to the state tourney his junior and senior year; in the Navy, he earned all-Navy honors; at Valley City State he was selected three years all conference, but probably his greatest fame was in North Dakota amateur basketball. In his over 20 years of amateur basketball he was a legend. It is estimated that he played in over 800 games averaging close to 30 points a game. No wonder he was called the “Greatest Scorer in ND” by Ed Kolpack of the Fargo Forum. He also was an accomplished high school basketball coach winning over 300 games. He is inducted in the Valley City State University and the North Dakota Amateur Basketball Hall of Fames.

Don passed away on November 26, 2017. He is survived by his wife Millie and four children Barb (Jan Bosma) LeDoux, Steve (Meredith) Muhs, Tammy (John) Kinzler, and Jeff Muhs. Don has 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.