

Obituaries

William Bartleson Jr., retired principal

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William A. Bartleson Jr., 70, principal at Gateway Regional High School in Woodbury Heights from 1966 until he retired in 1984, died of complications from lung cancer Thursday at his Wenonah home.

He had lived in Wenonah since 1968.

Mr. Bartleson began his career in education at Woodbury High School in 1953 as a history teacher and an assistant coach of football, baseball and basketball. He served as president of the Woodbury Education Association and later was an assistant principal until leaving in 1966.

Mr. Bartleson was Gateway's second principal and was running the school when the first senior class graduated, recalled Russell Hawk, a former Gateway assistant principal who had known Mr. Bartleson since college.

"He kind of developed the high

school through the 12th grade" and hired many of the teachers as the school grew to its full size, Hawk said. "He was a very good communicator and liked to be out of his office where the kids and teachers were. He was a very hands-on type person and was very good with parents," many of whom he had had as students at Woodbury High School.

A Korean War veteran, he served in the Army from 1946 to 1948 and from 1950 to 1952, when he was stationed in Japan.

Mr. Bartleson, a Republican, ran unsuccessfully for the Gloucester County freeholder board in 1974 and 1975.

Born in Forty Fort, Pa., and raised in Warrior Run, Pa., he graduated from Warrior Run High School in 1946. He was a 1953 graduate of Bloomsburg University.

He was a member of Mantua Masonic Lodge 95, the Excelsior Consistory in Collingswood, and the

Crescent Temple Shrine in Trenton. He also was a past president of the Gloucester County Shriners Club and was a member of the Wenonah Lions Club.

He was a volunteer and organizer for the American Red Cross in Woodbury.

He was an avid golfer with two holes-in-one to his credit.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Martha Stiner Bartleson; sons, Steven and William A. 3d; three grandchildren; two brothers; and a sister.

Friends may call between 5 and 9 p.m. tomorrow at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, 3 Lenape Trail, Wenonah, where burial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

Memorial donations may be made to the Holy Nativity Lutheran Church Building Fund, 3 Lenape Trail, Wenonah, N.J. 08090.

Obituary for William A. Bartleson (Aged 70)

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