



George Brock

George Francis Brock, 92, Topeka, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Brock was a teacher, coach and school administrator for many years in Missouri and Illinois before he retired in 1975. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Jan. 22, 1908. He graduated from Ruskin High School at Hickman Mills, Mo., and Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Mo., in 1930, where he lettered three years in football and basketball. He did graduate work at the universities of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Northwestern. He received an honorary doctorate from Missouri Valley College in 1961, where he had served as interim president.

George married his second wife, Mary E. Boyd on March 5, 1994 and moved to Topeka. Mary passed shortly after George on 3/14/2001.

Mr. Brock was a member of Northland Christian Church, South Topeka Rotary Club, Phi Delta Kappa and National Association of Secondary School Principals, and he was a life member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the National Education Association.

When George moved to Topeka in 1994, he immediately joined Topeka South Rotary. His classification was Senior Active – Education. I remember George as a very wise, dignified man, who was also charming and funny. He loved education and helping children. Shortly after George joined our club we started our partnership with Avondale West Elementary. George loved this program and was a pen pal and participated in lunch bunch.

George loved his family, especially his son, John, and the best Granddaughter in the World (his, of course) and he enjoyed giving me an update on her activities every Friday.

George was very proud of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow in 1986, and insisted that the directory be modified to recognize members transferring into the club that were Paul Harris Fellows. We thank you George, for leaving us that legacy and your love for youth programs.