

Concord

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Ellis M. Duitch

Services for Ellis M. Duitch age 102 will be held Thursday, November 3, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Mock Miller Funeral Home in New Concord, Ohio with Rev. Charles Oplinger officiating. Interment to follow in the New Concord Cemetery.

Mr. Duitch passed away Monday, October 31, 2005. He was born September 21, 1903 in Grapeland, Texas to Samuel and Cue Della Guice Duitch. He was a graduate of Union Rural School, a three room school near Grapeland. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1926 from Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville and earned a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University, New York City in 1927.

He served as a teacher in Texas for three years, at New Concord High School for thirty-two years, served as assistant principal five years and as principal for eighteen years. He served as head of the science department and golf coach at Kenston High School near Chagrin Falls for five years, retiring from there in June 1954. He also served as a teacher at Muskingum College for fifteen summer terms and served eight months instructing A.S.T.P. (military) students at Muskingum College.

He was the coach of all sports at the high school from 1927-36 and his 1927-28 basketball team went to the state tournament semi-finals. Mr. Duitch served as athletic director from 1936-1959.

He was a member of the New Concord United Methodist Church since 1929 and

served as a Sunday school teacher for high school, young married and senior citizens classes for over fifty-five years. He was president of the Board of Trustees when the educational wing was added in the mid 1950's.

He served as New Concord Village Clerk for fourteen years retiring in 1979. He has also served as president of the Board of Public Affairs and president of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and member and Past Master of Concord Lodge 688, F. & A.M. of New Concord and later Malta Lodge 118, F. & A.M. of Norwich; member and Past Patron of O.E.S. Concordia Chapter 493, New Concord and later Laura Chapter 264 of the O.E.S. of Norwich, and Scottish Rite Valley of Cambridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Margaret Waddell Duitch; his second wife, Pauline Noble Duitch; one son, Robert L. Duitch; one sister, Adela Crouch; three brothers, Calvin, Bailey and Chester and one step-son, Rex Noble.

He is survived by one son, James E. (Janet) Duitch of North Canton; one daughter-in-law, Martha Duitch of Steubenville; eight grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; two step-daughters, Kay Ballantine of Glenford and Carol (Bill) Vance of Lakewood, Colorado; eight step grandchildren and twelve step great grandchildren.