

## OBITUARY

Alfred C. "Sass" Applegate, 82, of Hackettstown, NJ, died February 12, 2009, at Praxis Nursing Facility, Easton, PA. Born Apr. 4, 1926, he lived all his life in Hackettstown. He was the son of the late George and Angela Dimiceli Applegate and the husband of Lillian Piteo Applegate. He was a school teacher for 38 years with Hackettstown High School, retiring many years ago. He served in the Army-Air Force in 1945-1946, leaving as a Private. He was a graduate of Hackettstown High School, class of '44, and graduated from the University of Scranton in 1950, where he earned his place on the "Wall of Fame" for his outstanding collegiate football career. While at the University of Scranton, he served as team captain and was named Most Valuable Player in 1949. In 1950, he was inducted into Little All American and PA All State team. In 1951, he was drafted by the NFL Washington Redskins, and in 1952 was signed on to play with the Cleveland Browns. He coached football, wrestling, and track at H.H.S. for many years and won 2 State Football Championships in 1964 and 1966. After his retirement, Sass focussed on family, painting, and bike riding. He was predeceased by a brother, Malcolm "Teamer" Applegate, and a sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Hoke. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Applegate, Hackettstown, NJ; son, Doyle "Chip" Cooper, Racine, WI; son, Darryl Applegate, Ringoes, NJ; 6 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service at Trinity United Methodist Church, Main St., Hackettstown, NJ, will be Tues., Feb. 17, 2009 at 11am. Arrangements by Cochran Funeral Home, Inc., 905 High St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Heart and Stroke Assoc., 1 Union St., Suite 301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691. Visitation will be Mon., Feb. 16, from 4-8pm at the funeral home. Interment at Hackettstown Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, NJ.

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