



## Robert W. Minerley

March 2, 2009

ROBERT W. MINERLEY MYRTLE BEACH | Robert W. Minerley, 91, of Covenant Towers, died on March 2, 2009. He was born July 25, 1917 in Newburgh, N.Y., son of the late Robert B. and Hattie P. Minerley. He was predeceased by his wife, Ruth T. Minerley. In January 1946 he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy. As a Navy Specialist First Class, Physical Training Instructor, he used his skills to rehabilitate wounded servicemen returning from the battlefield. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal American Theatre. A physical education instructor, he taught for 40 years at the Walkill High School, Walkill, N.Y., the Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon, N.Y. and the Newburgh Free Academy, Newburgh, N.Y. As a physical education instructor at Newburgh Free Academy, he coached several extremely successful high school swimming teams that won numerous regional competitions in New York State. Additionally, he coached the Newburgh Free Academy varsity golf team. For 35 years, he was a member of the Powelton Club, Balmville, N.Y. and also the swimming pool director. As the swimming instructor, he taught hundreds of children to swim. He was a member of Surfside United Methodist Church. Survivors include his son, Richard R. Minerley and his wife, Margie, of Lilburn, GA; a daughter, Joan R. Flanigan and her husband Timothy, of Summerville, SC; grandchildren Lori Hobart of Philadelphia, PA, Jeffrey R. Minerley of Milwaukee, WI, Craig R. Hobart of Surfside Beach, SC, and Susan J. Baglas of Largo, FL; and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Goldfinch Funeral

Home, Beach Chapel on Friday, March 6, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 200 E. Woodlawn Rd. Ste. 156 Charlotte, NC. 28217.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mr. Minnerly was loved by all the kids at the Powelton Club. My Dad was a friend of his and the Tennis Pro at the Powelton Club Al Silvestri. Mr. Minerley taught me to swim at the Clubs pool. He was a patient teacher and made learning to swim fun. I never want to see a kick board again lol. I learned to swim pretty well thanks to Mr Minerley. My prayers go out to the Minerley family. R.I.P. Mr. Minerley you were one of a kind.



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Susan Silvestri Mann - October 14, 2021 at 04:54 AM



“ It was with much sadness that I learned of Coach Minerley's passing. To his family, please accept my sincere condolences. As one of his swimmers/divers for 4 seasons, from 1971 to 1975 7-9, 12-3,15-1,15-1, there are many great memories and words of wisdom that I recall him saying still, having already imparted many to my own children over the years. A fierce competitor, who all the while maintained his sharp mind and gentlemanly composure, he taught us all how to perservere, to believe in ourselves and, above all, to win and lose with class and with our dignity intact. As swimming official Jack Wollek wrote in a note that he handed to me just before my final swim meet at NFA, Coach Minerley had been much "like a second father" to us all. God bless you, Coach, and God bless all of you, his family.##imported-begin##Robert Flannery##imported-end##

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April 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I know this is late but just found out about the coach this past week. I graduated fom NFA in 1957 and remember the coach very well. Having had him for PT he was a fine teacher. He always has a smile for you. Rest well coach and keep the boys in line in the above NFA for the rest to follow.##imported-begin##paul  
flanagan##imported-end##

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March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob was a very instrumental in my life long love of sports, especially golf. His memory lives on through all of us who continue developing the skills and values he introduced us to.##imported-begin##Christopher Shipp##imported-end##

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March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob was a wonderful mentor to so many of us. He coached the swimming and golf teams I was on at NFA. He was one of the most positive influences on my life. God bless you, Bob.##imported-begin##James Hourin##imported-end##

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March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I graduated from NFA in 1980. Coach Minerley was my swimming coach for four years. We had one of the best teams in the state, going to the state championship meet junoir and senoir year with Coach was something I will never forget. Coach was an excellent role model. I'm sorry for your loss. Go GoldbacksGoldfish!##imported-begin##Jay Belcher##imported-end##

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March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonjour, My deepest condolences on the death of your father/grandfather/great-grandfather. I'll always remember with fond memories coming to NJHS in 1965 and speaking French with Ruth. I first met Bob through the Newburgh Teachers' Bowling League and found him to be equally warm, friendly, and fun to be with. You are very lucky to have been able to have them part of your life for so many years. Again, my deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Raymond Leduc, Sr.##imported-end##

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March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dick and Joan, As you know, your father was a very important figure in my childhood. I will always remember his gentle words of encouragement in the pool that I now realize have become lessons for persevering in life. I often call upon his wisdom. God bless Bob and Ruth, and love to you. Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Shearer Fogarty##imported-end##

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March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and Ruth were dear friends and fellow teachers. I came to Newburgh in '65 as a newbie and met them and felt immediately accepted. Bob later coached my son, Jay and I admired his style of coaching and the way he loved "his" kids. He was a great guy and very respected by all that knew him. Our sympathy goes out to all his family, he was and should always be remembered. Bye for now Bob. Barb and Al Belcher##imported-begin##Allan Belcher##imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I Graduated from NFA in 1960 and Mr. Minerly was my coach while I attended NFA. I can remember him with is warm smile and being always pleasant. To me he was the best coach ever and will always be remembered. My prayers are for him and for his family. God Bless###imported-begin##Michael J Kowalik###imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere sympathy - unable to attend service due to doctor appt.###imported-begin##Col.###imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dick, Joan & Family: you have our deepest sympathy. God Bless you all. Just keep remembering all the good times; as he and your mom watch down over you all. From the Staff at Covenant Towers.###imported-begin##Denise at Covenant Towers###imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss but rejoice with your Dad that he is now in the Lord's arms & reunited with your Mom. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.###imported-begin##RONALD HOLT & SHARON ESELHORST###imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM