

Chadwick, Doyle Wayne

1931-2021

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Funeral for Doyle Wayne Chadwick, 90, is 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Whitt Funeral Home in Duncan, Okla., with Pastor William Howe officiating. Burial will follow at Duncan Municipal Cemetery.

Doyle was born June 21, 1931, in Park Springs, to Jewell Leona (Earp) and William Jewel "Jude" Chadwick. He died Sept. 26, 2021, in Edmond, Okla.

His mother died when he was 9 months old, and he lived with his grandparents, Jim and Sarah Chadwick in Park Springs, until he was 10 years old. Doyle's father married Opal Monroe June 27, 1934, and together they raised three children: Doyle, Gerald "Corky" and Beverly.

Doyle was a standout football, basketball and baseball player in school. After graduating from Duncan High School in 1949, he signed a professional baseball contract to play with the Detroit Tigers. During the off season, he attended Cameron Junior College on a basketball scholarship. In the spring of 1951, the New York Yankees bought his contract and sent him to Joplin, Mo., to fill the spot vacated by Mickey Mantle, who was moving up to the major leagues.

On Nov. 4, 1951, he married his high school sweetheart, Norma Dene Howe. He played minor league baseball right up to the birth of their first child in August 1952. Doyle left baseball for a career with Halliburton Services in Duncan, but he wasn't quite done with the sport yet. He continued to play in the National Semi-Pro League for the Halliburton team, which went on to win the state championship in 1954 and 1955. In the late 1950s, he was a baseball coach for the American Legion team in Duncan and a referee for basketball and football games.

Although it's not exactly a "rags to riches" story, he began with a job on the shop floor and rose to the position of manager at the Halliburton plant in Arbroath, Scotland. After he retired in 1989, he and Norma moved to their new home at Twin Lakes near Davis, where Doyle enjoyed fishing, church activities and working crossword and jigsaw puzzles. He was a "crack" 42 domino player and took pleasure in teaching the younger generation how to play by "Park Springs' rules," a nod to his hometown and stepmother Opal.

Doyle is survived by three children; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister; and many friends. In addition to his wife, and parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and a granddaughter.

Memorial contributions can be made to Watersedge Baptist Foundation of Okla., 3800 N. May Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73112, Disaster Relief No. 14728 or Baptist Builders; or to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences can be left for the family at www.whittfh.com.