Kermit Wahl

The memorial service for Kermit E. Wahl, Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Columbia, was held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, West Melgaard Road, Aberdeen. The Rev. Allen C. Lang officiated.

He died of cancer Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1987, at his home.

The family prefers memorials to the South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame in Lake Norden.

Kermit E. Wahl was born November 18, 1922, to Roy N. (Swede) and Ida Simonson Wahl in Columbia. He graduated from Columbia High School in 1940. In 1944, he graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds Baseball Club and later played with the Philadelphia Athletics of the major league and with the Toledo and Kansas City Blues of the minor leagues.

He married Marjorie Kreter in Aberdeen on February 18, 1947. After injuries forced him to retire from baseball, he coached and taught in Groton. In 1956 he was in the Office of Special Services at Northern State College in Aberdeen. In 1962, he be-came Director of Admissions at Dakota Wesleyan College. In 1968, he held the same position at Dakota State College at Madison. In May of 1975, he became Director of Admissions at Chaparrel Career College, Tucson, Ariz. He retired in 1982 and stayed in Tucson where he was active in umpiring, hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Tucson. He was a past member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Aberdeen, and the South Dakota Umpires Association.

In 1986 he was inducted into the South Dakota Sportswriters Hall of Fame and the South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame in Lake Norden.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, William, Andrew and Scott, all of Tucson; three daughter, Mrs. Ron (Nancy) Ronshaugen, Watertown; Mrs. Dave (Barbara) Kasperson, Arlington and Mrs. Jess (Carol) Kary, Tucson; one brother Theodore (Ted) Wahl, Huron and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and an infant brother.