

Robert McEmber, 1919 - 2007

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Robert Roland McEmber was born Feb. 26, 1919 in Ludington. He departed this life on March 22, 2007 in Leesburg, Fla. His obituary appeared in the Leesburg Florida paper on Monday, March 26.

Ludington's first Band Director Louie Peterson hand picked Robert R. McEmber to take his place when he retired. Louie died that summer and Bob started teaching in the fall.

He taught here in the fifties and many remember him. He also formed and directed the Ludington Civic Orchestra at that time, and the Rotary Show Band. He received three degrees from Stetson University in DeLand, Fla.

Robert McEmber was a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He served in Flight Training Command during WWII. He was Orlando High School Band Director, Assistant Band Director of Purdue University, where he had a stage band that did two USO Tours. He was Director of Music University of Wisconsin, Marshfield.

McEmber worked for Eastern Airlines as a manager of technical training. He was a member of Order of Daedalians, past president of International Television Association, Eastern Airlines Pilots Association, Military Officers Association, Executive Director Audio Visual Management Association, Eastern Airlines Retiree Association, Phi Delta Kappa (education association), Kappa Kappa Psi (music association).

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth F. McEmber of Leesburg; daughters Elizabeth (Ronald) Craft of Orlando, Fla. and Sharon (Robert) Scales of Falls Church, Va.; two grandsons, Matthew Craft and Marcus Craft.

Burial was at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla. Officiating was Dr. John Lodge. Memorial donations may be directed to Air Force Memorial Association, 101 Lee Highway, Arlington VA 22209.