



Joseph Dulak was born on February 19, 1915 and was one of nine children. Joseph graduated from Rosholt High school. After that he started his own orchestra and was a band Bookie. In the mid 1930's he booked Lawarence Welk for \$1000.00, the concert was held at PJ Jacobs School. He then joined the U.S. Navy as an airplane maintenance mechanic. His roommate was Ted Williams, the star player for the Boston Red Sox. When Joseph was in the Navy he invented a mirror to be used underneath fighter planes. After Joseph left the Navy he married Helen and had two children Judi and Joseph Jr. Most of his life was spent as a personal assistant and driver for Mr. Dan Gainey at the Gainey Farms. Mr. Gainey was the owner of Jostin Jewelers, the maker of class rings, which are currently purchased by students of SPASH High School. Joe and two of his friends (Tom Walsh and Glenn Degner) started the Owatonna Airport in 1946. During his retirement he was an avid golfer and made a hole in one when he was in his 80's. He invented the grass cutter used to cut the grass around distance marked at golf courses. Joseph died on July 27, 2002