



Robert H. "Bob" Winstead

June 15, 1928 - November 11, 2019

Robert H. "Bob" Winstead, 91, of Jacksonville passed away Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, at Passavant Area Hospital. He was born, June 15, 1928, in Jacksonville, the son of Jack and Mamie Hayden Winstead. He married Audrey Belle Yelm, July 26, 1950.

Surviving is wife, Audrey Winstead of Jacksonville; children, Pam (Dennis) Taylor of Jacksonville and Bruce (Lynn) Winstead of Newport Beach, CA; grandchildren, Rob (Mandy) Taylor, Bryan (Molly) Taylor, Matthew Winstead and Katie Winstead and great grandchildren, Ayedin, Isaac and Maddox Taylor and Molly and Emma Jane Houchins. He was preceded in death by sisters, Roberta Taylor and Jo Ann Frame.

Bob was a long-time retired area football, basketball and baseball coach. His coaching career took him from Routt Catholic High School, to Rushville, to Champaign Centennial, to Camp Point Central, to Rushville High School, to Virginia High School and ending at Quincy Notre Dame. After his retirement, volunteered at Routt High School and New Berlin High School football programs. Bob coached at Routt High School from 1956-1960. His teams went 28-13. His team in 1958 went 8-1. He was at Camp Central from 1970-1972 and rebuilt a struggling football program. Bob moved to Virginia in 1977, where he coached through 1982, posting a record of 33-23. The Virginia Redbirds made football playoffs twice under Coach Winstead. His team was 11-8 in two years at Quincy Notre Dame, taking them to the football playoffs. He also coached baseball, taking them to the baseball playoff and making it to the final four. While at Rushville, he won 75 games over 4 years as a basketball coach. He claimed 17 wins in baseball while at Champaign Centennial. After returning from the military, he played quarterback at Illinois College at the age of 26. He also played baseball and basketball at IC, where he was the captain of the football and baseball teams. Bob was inducted into Illinois College Hall of Fame and Illinois football coach's Hall of Fame.

A service of remembrance will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in South Jacksonville followed by a committal service in Diamond Grove Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Routt Catholic High School Athletics

Department.

Cemetery

Diamond Grove Cemetery

Jacksonville, IL,

Events

NOV Service 01:00PM - 01:30PM

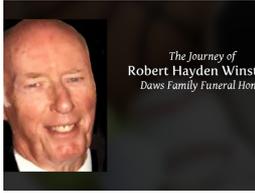
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Daws Family Funeral Home - Jacksonville
508 W. Vandalia, Jacksonville, IL, US, 62650

Comments



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“ Audrey, from John Fitzpatrick, my deepest condolences on the loss of Bob. I think he was put on Earth to coach. He brought discipline and respect to so many young men. You could say he made them to young men from boys.

He treated everyone fairly. I remember on our Senior Class Trip he had to make the decision as to who was to be sent home because they had been drinking. Tough think to do. He he knew the parents would not be happy but the he believed it was the right thing to do.

I got to know Bob better when I was playing baseball with him on the Jacksonville Merchants. We had quite a few characters on the team that liked to have fun.

My prayers are with you and your family. A true giant of a man.

His Spirit will always be with you

He will be truly missed.

God Bless Him.

John Fitzpatrick

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John Fitzpatrick - November 15, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ Coach Winstead was a first year football, basketball and baseball coach at Rushville High my senior year. We loved him and we feared him. He was no nonsense, all business and if you got a pat on the butt or a smile from him, you know you played well. He was much more than just a coach though, he made us walk the straight and narrow at school and in our community. Coach Winstead was truly a great coach, a great man and a very special person in my life. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Winstead, the children and grand children. Bob Rittenhouse

Bob Rittenhouse - November 14, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ I had the great pleasure of playing for coach Winstead my freshmen and sophomore years at Routt high school. Coach taught me the basic fundamentals to improve as a player but more importantly how to be a better person. Over the years I have talked to many of coach Winsteads former players and they all had similar experiences. To Audrey and coach Winsteads children and grandchildren I want to thank you for allowing coach to help so many student athletes improve their lives. Respectfully, Tom Eoff

tom eoff - November 14, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ I moved to Virginia Illinois in 1980 as a high school sophomore. Football practice was my first chance to meet kids and coach Winstead. He definitely turned into a very important person for me as my father lived 2 hours away. He was Not just a coach. He was much more. I guess a life coach. One particular incident that involved me and a few other valuable members of a team. There was no bending to his rules even if it meant it hurt the team. He booted us all off the baseball team without hesitation. Left himself with 9 players to finish the season. Taught me a lesson about letting down my team. But letting him down hit me hard. It meant a lot to me to win back his respect and I am proud that I did. We lost touch over the years but he is a very important influence on my life. I could go on and on but I am sure you have a lot to read. I now live in Florida or I would most definitely come by in person to show my respect. He was a very special person. So sorry for your loss.

Mike Nave - November 13, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ Coach Winstead came to Central of Camp Point my freshman year. He lived down the street and he and Audrey and my folks became friend. Tough, direct, fair, smart and thorough. One of the best mentors any young man could ask for. He truly was the coach "I would run through a wall for!" Enjoyed his grin and his grunts! No nonsense. "Thank for all you did to form me, Coach!"

Jack Hull - November 13, 2019 at 04:33 PM