



Earl H. Herbert Jr.

March 14, 1928 - January 28, 2020

Earl Herbert Jr. of Waupaca Wisconsin, crossed his final finish line on the 28th of January, 2020. He was 91.

Born in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1928 to Earl Herbert Sr. and Edna (Jarvis) Herbert, he spent his youth in Coleman, Wisconsin. Herbert is a graduate of St. Norbert College and earned a master's degree from the University of Colorado. In 1955, Herbert married his beloved friend and dearest companion, Janet (Wilson) Herbert.

Earl and Janet are proud parents of Todd (Jody) Herbert, L'rae (Larry) Flynn, Lisa (Kevin) Webber, Sue (Paul) Amber and Luis Mansilla. In addition, he is survived by his grandchildren, Erin Mandel-Ruttenberg, Ryan Flynn, Shannon Flynn, Jordan Herbert, Alexander Webber, Nicolette Amber, Christopher Webber, Olivia Amber, Edyn Herbert, and Marisa Webber, and two great-granddaughters, Madeline Flynn and Aubrey Herbert. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Judie (Fast) Wilson, niece, Sandi (Wilson) Guite and nephew, Dan Wilson as well as special friends Lynn Rhode, Greta (Yates) Smith and Ase Jorstad. Herbert was preceded in death by his grandson, Bryce Herbert, brother-in-law, Dr. Roger Wilson and Nephew, Greg Wilson.

Over 37 years, Herbert taught at various high schools including Coleman, Sauk-Prairie, and Manitowoc Lincoln. He was a highly successful coach leading his teams to 22 conference championships and 4 state championships. Herbert was honored for his gifted coaching by being inducted into the St. Norbert College's Hall of Fame and the Wisconsin Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame, among others.

Herbert proudly served in the US Army from 1951-53, seeing combat while deployed to Korea. He was a member of the VFW and in 2017 took part in the Honor Flight.

Herbert strongly believed in giving back to his community and supporting others in need. During his life he served as a Boy Scout leader, organized Optimists youth track events, volunteered at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home in King, Waupaca Food Bank as well as at

Waupaca Meals on Wheels. He also served as a trustee for the Parfreyville United Methodist Church.

A private service will be held by his family to celebrate his life and the many gifts he shared. Herbert strongly believed in giving back to his community. Janet Herbert and his children request that in lieu of flowers, please live as Jesus Christ did; send donations or give time to anyone you know in need.

Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca assisted family with arrangements.

Comments



“ Jan,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Remembering the times we met you and Earl when you visited Kevin, Lisa and the kids in Florida

Brian & Sharon Webber

Brian Webber - February 26 at 04:31 PM



“ Hello Jan.

So sorry to hear about your loss. In talking to our mutual friend, Jonell. What wonderful and lasting memories you have. Earl was Brian's ,our son, favorite teacher. I remember visiting you after you moved from Manitowoc. Sending you our love and deepest sympathy.

Wayne and Barb Peacock

Barb Peacock - February 11 at 05:06 PM



“ I can't tell you how sorry I am to learn of Coach Earls passing. Over the years (69) I have often thought of how important he was to me. He was the best teacher/coach I ever had, and feel honored to have known him like I did. He will always be in my memories.



Reb Bishop - February 06 at 02:58 PM



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Reb Bishop - February 06 at 02:55 PM



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art schneider - February 02 at 06:28 PM



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art schneider - February 02 at 05:15 PM



“ Jan and Family,
Sending my deepest sympathy.
Earl was a dear friend and am glad that we were able to have many adventures together. He meant alot to so many people and his spirit will live on.
Art Schneider

art schneider - February 02 at 04:45 PM



“ Had the pleasure of being coached by Mr. Herbert. Taught all his athletes more than just about the sport itself, was a real life mentor. My prayers and sympathy to the entire Herbert family. RIP COACH
Bruce Budysz class of 1975

Bruce Budysz - January 31 at 01:21 PM



“ I've never met a more sincere and genuine person. As a new coach just stating out, Earl was an inspiration to me. I'll never forget his jelly bean relays. Rest in peace, old friend.
Bob Feller



“ Deepest Sympathy to Mr. Herberts Family!!
A former student of Mr. Herberts.
Connie(VonBehren) Harrison(class of 1968 Sauk-Prairie High School)

connie harrison - January 30 at 10:43 PM



“ Dear Jan & Family, You have our deepest sympathy. Earl was a guy I always respected & enjoyed working with & for at track meets. He was a man of deep devotion & a very particular person. I did hear from Len Nikolai about Earls passing. God Bless! Lindy & Sharon

Lindy DENamur - January 30 at 03:20 PM



“ He was a person who changed my life, he was my teacher, my mentor. When he can Sauk prairie high school he help find my lifetime strength and help me more than other person in my life beside my parents. God bless Doug and Kathy Pickar

Doug Pickar - January 30 at 09:44 PM



“ L'Rae, so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I had always enjoyed talking to him. He was a great man. Sympathy to you and the family. Joe & Ann

Joe Lakatos - January 31 at 12:26 PM



“ He will be missed! Excellent teacher, coach, and mentor for many. I am so sorry for your loss.

Louise Wilda Manitowoc Lincoln Class of '75

Louise Wilda - January 31 at 12:51 PM



“ There are some coaches that a player remembers fondly for a lifetime. Earl Herbert was one of them, even though I only had him as a coach for one season, my senior year. That was my first year of running cross country. I don't think I ever went through more pain but loved the accomplishment it brought, and the joy of being on that team. He drove us hard but I never regretted a minute of it. It was a joy to go to practice with Coach Herbert. Just found out that he had bypass surgery and some of the athletes from SP were planning to visit him some time this spring or summer. Very sad that we will not get the chance. My deepest sympathies to the entire Herbert family. We will remember him for the rest of our lives.

Scott Zechel, Sauk Prairie class of 1967.

Scott Zechel - January 31 at 10:15 PM



“ Dearest Jan and Family, You have been blessed by a gentle spirit who consistently made every one he spoke to feel so special. In spite of a weary heart near the end of a marvelous and rich life, his heart was shared with every single person he met. He genuinely saw good in everything; even on a rainy day, he could see it as partly sunny. Our dear friend and neighbor, be at peace. You will always be in our hearts. We love you & your wonderful wife.

Nan Oswald

nan oswald - January 31 at 11:16 PM



“ My sympathy to the Herbert family. I certainly was not the greatest athlete. Mr. Herbert taught us that with work, determination, and maybe a bit of luck we can attain our goals in life. The world is a better place for having had Earl Herbert in it.

Lloyd Statz class of 1967

Lloyd Statz - February 01 at 12:16 PM



“ I was so fortunate to have had him in my life for those high school years. He truly made a lifetime impact on those he taught and coached.

Jerry Sprecher. Sauk Prairie 1969

Jerry Sprecher - February 07 at 08:33 AM



“ Just saw Jan and Earl last May....and wrote in my family CHRISTmas letter...stopped to see... favorite teacher...Earl Herbert. Earl gave true-to-life lessons as a basketball coach (worked us hard--ran our legs off; accepted no excuses and favored no one). Still going strong at 91. I confessed to Earl that even as a preteen, I thought his wife Jan was the prettiest girl in town. His response: "I did too!" So sorry, Jan and family. Thank you Coach for your worthwhile life!

Coleman High School, Class of 1960

Rusty Rost

Rusty Rost - February 18 at 10:24 AM