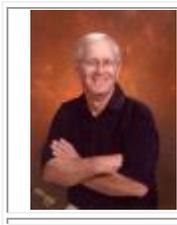


Robert "Bob" Farrell

Friday, April 19th 2013



NAME: Robert "Bob" Farrell AGE: 68
DATELINE: Glasgow, Montana
DATE OF DEATH: Thursday, April 18, 2013
CAUSE OF DEATH: Complications of blood
PLACE OF DEATH: at the Billings Clinic in Billings, Montana
SERVICE: Monday, April 22, 2013, 11a.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, Montana
INTERMENT: Hillview Cemetery in Hinsdale, Montana
MORTUARY IN CHARGE: Bell Mortuary of Glasgow, MT

Robert "Bob" Farrell

Robert (Bob) Patrick Farrell, age 68, of Glasgow, MT passed away April 18, 2013 at the Billings Clinic Hospital after a valiant battle from complications of Myelodysplasia, a blood disease.

He was born May 4, 1944, in Jamestown, ND and lived in Tappen, ND until 1952 when the family moved to Glendive, Montana. He graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive in 1962, where he participated in every sport he could - basketball, football, track, baseball and boxing. He played as quarterback for OCHS in 1960 when they were the State A football champions. •

From an early age Bob knew he wanted to be an educator and coach. His formal education included Dawson Community College and Dickinson State College where he earned his Associate of Arts and Bachelor Science degrees.

Bob married Shirley Rust in 1965 and of that union 3 daughters were born. He and Shirley were later divorced. On June 9, 1989 he married Zella Lacock Koski in Wheeler, Mt.

In the summers for a number of years to further his education he attended the Northern Arizona University, University of Idaho and the University of Montana obtaining a Master of Natural Science & Biology degree and his Principal's and Superintendent's Endorsements in education.

He started his teaching career in Culbertson, MT in 1966 and was there until 1972 teaching math, biology and P.E. while doing the thing he loved most - coaching.

He left Culbertson in 1972, moving to Glasgow to teach Biology and coach at the high school. In 1976 he became the Activities Director and continued that position for 27 years. He was also the vice-principal for 5 years and principal for 10, sometimes combining all 3 positions, before retiring in 2001.

During his coaching career he coached football, basketball and track. His favorite coaching sport was track and he was Track Coach of the Year in 1977 and 1986. He and his fellow track coach, Mark Yoakam, were the original planners of the "Top Ten" Track Meet, which was so popular with the track participants that many towns and cities around Montana started their own "Top Ten" meet. Bob was instrumental in getting the football and track complex built at the Glasgow High School and getting the all-weather track installed.

During his tenure as Activities Director he managed 97 sporting events, including football playoff games, boys and girls basketball tournaments, wrestling tournaments and track meets for the Montana High Association and was awarded the Service Citation Award in 1989 and the Meritorious Service Award in 2002 for dedicated and faithful service to the MHS member schools and the students of Montana. He was the Bout Card Manager every year for the All Class State Wrestling Tournament in Billings from the inception of the all class tournament until his death.

He was awarded the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce Presidents' Award in 1995 and the Special Olympics State of Montana Volunteer of the Year in 1991. Special needs people in Glasgow were very fond of Bob and always recognized and acknowledged him with enthusiasm and love whenever they saw him.

When Bob retired in 2001 the students of Glasgow High School awarded him the Golden G plaque for dedicated service to them. The plaque stated, "You have been more than a teacher, coach and administrator; you have been a friend and advisor to the numerous students you have worked with. Your efforts to ensure the success of Glasgow High students are recognized and appreciated and will not be forgotten."

During his 35 years as an educator he received other awards too numerous to mention.

After officially retiring from education, he kept active teaching at the Fort Peck Community College in Poplar part-time, helping coach track at the Glasgow High School and driving the extra-curricular cruiser for out-of-town athletic and Speech & Drama events whenever he was asked. Many days would find him on Fort Peck Lake fishing.

He began serving on the board of the Fort Peck Rural Water District in 2002 and then served as president from 2004 until his death.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Zella; his three daughters, Suzanne Smith and fiancée, Mike Reddick, of Baker, Mt.; Erin Zimmerman and her husband, Rob, of Great Falls, MT. and Anne Hartman and her husband, Pat, of St. Paul, Minnesota. Three sisters, Kathy (Dick) Chrest of Missoula, MT, Fran (RD.) Soule' of Post Falls, ID, and Margaret (Don) Russell of Deer Park, WA., two step-sons, Jeff Koski and wife, Colleen; and Paul Koski and fiancée, Lisa Olk of Glasgow, twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harriet and James Farrell.