



Terrance Michael Patrick O'Keefe

January 18, 1940 - January 28, 2016

Terrance Michael Patrick O'Keefe, 76, of Riverside passed away Thursday, Jan. 28 from complications of cancer.

Coach O'Keefe was born on January 18, 1940 in Grand Forks, North Dakota to Emmitt and Dorothy O'Keefe. He had one sister and one brother. He attended the University of North Dakota (The Fighting Sioux). He moved to Fontana to pursue his personal and career goals.

He taught at Oleander Elementary School, Alder Junior High School, and Fontana High School (FOHI). He was the varsity boys basketball coach, assistant girls softball coach, and FOHI Steeler varsity football assistant coach. He concluded his tenure as the FOHI athletic director. He worked in the Fontana Unified School District for 35 years, retiring in June, 1998.

Terry was passionate about Notre Dame Fighting Irish football, the Minnesota Vikings and various sports. St. Patrick's Day was often bigger than Christmas. He was a member of the Fontana Elks club. Coach loved the beach, his granddaughters, and was a master at the grill.

Terry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judy O'Keefe; son Kelly O'Keefe of Riverside; son Ryan O'Keefe, daughter-in-law Denise and two grandchildren, McKenzie and Ali, all of Norco. He had a sister, MaryKay Geisen in Coon Rapids, Minnesota and sister-in-law, Leatrice O'Keefe from Grafton, ND. He is preceded in death by his brother, Judge James O'Keefe of Grafton, ND.

The services will be Monday, Feb. 8 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Acheson and Graham Mortuary in Riverside. Services will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Riverside. Graveside at Olivewood Memorial Park immediately following the service (approximately 2 p.m.) and reception immediately following.

-- May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, The sun shine warm upon your face, The rain fall softly upon your fields and until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. --- Old Irish blessing