

Coach Rowe ~ Obituary

Richard Rowe died at his home on the Big Island of Hawaii on January 12, 2008, at the age of 96.

Richard grew up in Ballard, WA, where he learned his love of fishing with his sister and two brothers. After graduating from Ballard High School he attended UPS where he earned a degree in education/coaching. He also met and married the love of his life, Carol Cavanaugh.

Rich started his teaching and coaching career in Montesano, Chehalis, and Elma before moving to Edmonds in 1943. At Edmonds High School he coached football, baseball and track and taught a variety of subjects until he retired in 1973. His unique coaching style was driven by his philosophy that the purpose of high school sports was enjoyment and character development. During his retirement he and Carol spent winters in Hawaii and summers in Edmonds, WA, returning to fish in Puget Sound. After his wife's death in 1981 Rich moved to the Big Island permanently.

Richard kept very busy with gardening, ham radio, writing, woodworking and especially running. He competed regularly in 10k's and half marathons well into his late 80's.

Coach Rowe will be remembered as a mentor, teacher, philosopher and remarkable father. His influence will live on in all who knew him.

He is survived by his three children; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A "Rich Rowe Celebration" will be held at 1 p.m., on February 17, at Edmonds-Woodway High School, Great Hall (south entrance). Please bring photos and stories.

If desired, donations may be made to the Carol Rowe Memorial Food Bank, 828 Caspers St. Edmonds, WA 98020.



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