



December 6, 2017

Obituary

Richard 'Dick' Brown, age 89 of Sun City West, Arizona passed away on Monday December 4, 2017.

He was born on May 19, 1928 in Abilene Kansas, the son of Donald and Bonnie Brown. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Masters Degree in 1965. Dick taught and coached basketball and many other sports at Gove High School and Mullinville High School where his basketball team won a state title in 1964. He moved on to coach basketball at Dodge City Community College where his team made it to the National Junior College Basketball Tournament twice and in 1967 his team placed eighth in the National Tournament.

He moved on to work with the Kansas State High School Activities Association where he was involved in every element of the physical education and athletic programs of the Association.

A man of his word, Dick was respected and admired for his integrity during his career as a coach, teacher and administrator. His work ethic, his high moral standards, his caring, all served to earn him due respect from parents, students and friends over the years.

Dick is survived by his wife Donna of Sun City AZ for 68 years. Dick and Donna have four children, Cheryl, Jan, Jim and Scott, eight grand children and eight great-great children.

His funeral service will be held at Camino Del Sol Funeral Chapel, 13738 W Camino Del Sol, Sun City West, Arizona on Friday December 8 at 10:30 am.

Memorial contributions may be made to, Dick Brown Memorial Scholarship
Dodge Community College Foundation, 2501 N 14th Avenue Suite 103,
Dodge City KS 67801.

Brown was inducted into the KSHSAA Hall of Fame in 1998 - A man of his word, Dick Brown was respected and admired for his honesty and integrity during his career as a coach, teacher and administrator. Known as "Mr. Clean" by his peers, Brown treated coaches and administrators with respect. He listened and made decisions based on fairness and equity. He was always open and willing to listen to issues and problems which would arise and then resolve them fairly and amenably. Brown taught and coached basketball at the high school and college levels before becoming active at the state level for the KSHSAA. He was involved in every element of the physical education and athletic program. He was awarded the Region VI National Junior College Coach of the Year Award in 1974, and was inducted into the Dodge City Community College Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1993 he was recognized for his Outstanding Contribution, Achievement and Leadership in the Field of Interscholastic Athletics by the KIAAA, and in 1994 he received the KIAAA Carpenter Award.

Dick was a role model for those around him. His work ethic, his high moral standards, his caring, all have served to earn him respect from parents, students and friends over the years. On the golf course and on the job Brown never belittled any person, student or adult and always emphasized their good points. "The value of human goodness is not often celebrated, but in Dick Brown and his family there is no better example."