

RICHARD WADEWITZ

Distinguished Alumni

Richard Wadewitz lived in the flat above his father's meat market on Kettle Moraine Drive while he attended high school. He and his father and brother, Ozzie, loved to play baseball and basketball.

In high school, Rich lettered in both sports. He graduated from high school in 1944.

He then attended Wheaton College where he again lettered in both sports. His coaching career started at Pepin High School for one year and then continued for the next four years as Sylvan Hills High School in Atlanta, Georgia as assistant basketball coach under his brother Ozzie.

Then in 1955, he became the head basketball coach at Milwaukee Lincoln High School. His teams won State Championships in 1959, 1961, and 1962.

In 1962 he came to UW-Platteville where he was head coach from 1963-1984, winning a WSUC championship in 1974 and playing in the NAIA District tournament in 1974 and 1977.

Throughout his career, his desire was to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. He always treated his players with respect and care. His coaching style is reflected in some of his former players as they now coach their own teams.

He thanks his wife, Marian, his daughter, Gretchen and his son Tom for their faithful support. He attributes his success to all the dedicated players he had the privilege to coach.

Graduated 1944