

OLAND A. DUNCKEL

1923-1993

Oland A. Dunckel, 70 of Sebawaing, well-known Michigan teacher and athletics coach for nearly 40 years and recipient of many coaching honors, died unexpectedly at Bay Medical Center, Bay City, Friday morning, June 11.

Most of his teaching and coaching years were spent at Sebawaing and USA High School, where he received state coaching honors and several selections for hall of fame honors.

Mr. Dunckel was born in Williamston Feb. 21, 1923, a son of Stanley A. and Aida (Cunningham) Dunckel. He graduated from Williamston High School in 1941 and later in social

studies and physical education from Michigan State University. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was a member of the "Sport" Sages.

He was married to Marjorie M. Stout in Lansing on Sept. 4, 1946, and she survives him. From 1952 to 1963 he taught social studies and physical education and coached track, basketball, football and baseball in Haslett High School.

In 1963 he moved to Sebawaing High School and later USA High School before retiring in 1983. He taught social studies, science and history, and was a guidance counselor, along with coaching football, basketball and track. He remained active in athletics after his retirement and coached girls' softball and junior high school girls' and boys' basketball. He also coached Akron-Fairgrove girls' basketball team for three seasons before retiring last year.

Mr. Dunckel was voted the Michigan School Coach of the Year in 1976 and was in the Lansing Hall of Fame. He was nominated Sports Figure of the Year at the Caro Meet of Champions and was the first teacher to be inducted into the Teachers Hall of Fame at USA High School on April 2, 1982.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, four daughters, Mrs. Gregory (Cheryl) Fuerst, Shauna R. Dunckel and Lona A. Dunckel, all of Sebawaing, and Mrs. Brent (Jane) Schweitzer of Owendale, two sons and spouse, James O. Dunckel of Sebawaing and Dennis D. (Cynthia) Dunckel of Unionville, 12 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and four brothers, his twin-brother, Roland Dunckel of Clare, Wayne Dunckel of Lansing, Rev. Verdon Dunckel of Spring Arbor and Rev. Vernon Dunckel of Jackson and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Forest and Stanley Dunckel and two sisters, Laura and Ila Dunckel, preceded him in death.

The funeral service was conducted in Trinity United Methodist Church of Sebawaing at 11 a.m. Monday, June 14, with Rev. Lawrence C. Brooks officiating. The graveside committal service took place at Rowley Cemetery, Williamston, at 4 p.m. Monday.

Those wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Bay Shore Camp or American Heart Association.

