

Teacher Obituary - Ernie "Coach" Kivisto (5 February 2003)

He was known by all as "Coach". On Feb. 5, 2003, Ernie Kivisto passed away.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 3621 E. 91st St. S., Tulsa, OK 74137, 918 291-3500. Interment is in Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

One of the elite group of basketball coaches in America to win over 1,000 high school games, he was awarded National Coach of the Year in 1979 by the IBCA, and later inducted into the Illinois High School Hall of Fame.

He will always be remembered for his enthusiasm, a special gift he shared with all. To those who knew him ... "unbelievable".

He is survived by his wife, Jane Ann Maccani Kivisto; sons, Ernie Jr., Bob and Tom; and daughter, Kathy.