

John R. Dornon, 55

Feb. 22, 1940 - Jan. 14, 1996

SIoux CITY - John R. Dornon, 55, 4412 Wellington Ave., former head football coach at Morningside College and North High School, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 1996, at a Sioux City hospital following a five-month illness of cancer. Services were Jan. 17 in Sioux City.

Coach Dornon was born Feb. 22, 1940 in Harlan, Iowa. He graduated from Harlan High School in 1958 and earned a bachelor of science degree from Morningside College in 1962 and a master of education degree from University of South Dakota in 1969. He married Sharon Kay Reinke May 12, 1962 in Elk Point, SD. He was head football coach at Akron (Iowa) High School (1962-1963), head football coach at George (Iowa) High School (1964-1967), head football coach at Clarinda (Iowa) High School (1967-1970), head football coach at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa (1970-1974), head football coach at Morningside College (1974-1977), Canadian Football League, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (1983-1986), professional football scout (Big Ten, Big Eight, Mid-American Conferences), sophomore football coach Sioux City Community Schools 1986 to present, and he completed his coaching career as head football coach at North High School in 1995.

He was named Iowa Junior College Coach of the Year (1972), Southwest Iowa Coach of the Year (1968), Hawkeye Eight Coach of the Year (1967), and Siouland Coach of the Year (1966). He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters and their husbands, Kelly Dornon-Heimsoth and Lance Heimsoth of Sioux City and Kerry and Dave Drees of West Des Moines; his parents, John and Frances Dornon of Sioux City; two granddaughters, Emma Drees and Maci Heimsoth; a sister and her husband, Mary and Bud Verdi of Lafayette, IN; and a brother and his wife, Dr. Robert and Nancy Dornon of St. Petersburg, FL.

The John R. Dornon Athletic Scholarship Memorial Fund has been established at the Security National Bank in Sioux City.