

## FRED GIRT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



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July 15, 1951 - September 1, 2010

The third of four sons, Fred Johnson Girt III was born July 15, 1951 to Fred and Dorothy Girt of Coos Bay, Oregon. He spent most of his entire life living in the Bay Area, attending Market Street Elementary, Michigan Avenue Jr. High and graduating in the class of 1969 from Marshfield High School.

Fred was a three sport athlete all four of his high school years lettering in basketball, football and track. Football was Fred's greatest passion where he earned 1st Team All-State Honors in 1967 and 1968 as a running back. He was also selected Team Captain, was a member of the State Finals in 1968 and was selected to participate in the State All Star Shrine Game in the summer of 1969.

Track and Field was yet another sport Fred excelled in where he long jumped, sprinted, and ran the high and low hurdles. In 1969 he was the District Champion in both hurdles. He earned honors at the State Track and Field Meet his Junior and Senior years running the high and low hurdles, placing 2nd his Junior year. Fred continues to hold the Coos County record in the high hurdles.

Following high school Fred earned a full ride scholarship to play football at Oregon State University for Coach Dee Andros. While playing football for four years, Fred earned degrees in Mathematics, Physical Education and Health. During the summer of 1972 he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Susick.

Upon graduating from OSU in 1974 Fred and Nancy moved back to the Bay Area to begin their teaching and coaching careers until they retired in 2009. Fred had a special gift that enabled him to reach out to all levels of students and athletes truly making a difference in the lives of children. Using his quick sense of humor, compassion and dedication, he taught and coached at every level including kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Coos Bay School District. Fred also participated on numerous Math and PE committees at the district and state level, coached the Math Counts Team and has been a volunteer coach for the Boys and Girls Club.

Fred's most valued treasures were his family. Nancy and Fred were married for 38 years and have two children, Chelsey and Casey, both graduates of MHS. Chelsey and her husband Michael Seedborg teach and coach at Marshfield High School. Casey and his wife Amity live in Portland where Casey is a manager for Conrad Wood Forest Products and Amity is Assistant Dist. Attorney for Multnomah County.