



PETE AND MARCELLA SUSICK

The Pete Susick Memorial Scholarship was established after his death in 2007 and scholarships have been awarded since 2008. After the death of his wife Marcella in 2011, it became the **PETE AND MARCELLA SUSICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**.

Marcella Nelson met Marion George “Pete” Susick while they attended North Bend High School. From that meeting until Pete’s death in 2007, through more than 65 years of marriage, Marcella was Pete’s most devoted supporter. She cheered for Pete and his many football teams at Marshfield High School. She worked in retail for years, but her number one role was stay-at-home mom. Marcella was a source of strength for others as well. She embodied the principle that the more one gives away, the more one has to give.

Marcella and Pete were wed Dec. 29, 1941, and she moved with him to Quantico, Va., as Pete entered officer candidate school in preparation for service in the South Pacific. After the war, Pete started what would be a 35-year career as a teacher and coach at Marshfield High School.

As a football player, Pete Susick was a standout three-sport star at North Bend High School and lettered three years in football at the University of Washington, where he led the Huskies in scoring in 1943. He was drafted by Green Bay. However, he is best known for his long coaching career at Marshfield. He led the Pirate football team to two state titles and a co-championship in the three-year span from 1954 to 1956 and also had two state runners-up and eight other playoff teams in his career, which spanned 1946 to 1979. He finished with an overall record of 235-69-18 and the school’s football stadium now bears his name. He was named Hayward Champion of Champions in 1955, recognized by the Oregon Sportswriters and Broadcasters in 1956, named coach of the year by the Oregon Journal in 1968 and named football coach of the year by the 8th District in the United States in 1979. He received the Bill Hayward Banquet Merit Award the year he retired and was inducted into the Oregon State Hall of Fame in 1994. He was the winningest high school football coach in Oregon history. Pete was inducted into North Bend’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000 and was one of the first people inducted into Marshfield’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

The Susick family name is deeply rooted into the history of Marshfield and North Bend and is associated with the legacy of success that is a part of Marshfield High School. It is a name that brings honor to our community. We are very proud to annually award the Pete and Marcella Susick Memorial Scholarship as a part of the MHS Community and Memorial Scholarship Program.