

Richard “Mac” McIntosh and Wally Hazen Scholarship

Mac and Wally had been close friends since their first conversation in a sophomore geometry class at Marshfield. Mac’s family moved to Coos Bay after his dad retired from the Air Force. He knew no one when school started in the fall.

Wally recognized Mac as the new guy who was obviously shy so he struck up a conversation. As time passed they

discovered they had a lot in common, especially running.



They would often run in the morning before school which helped cement their friendship. Winter sports didn’t attract either of them so they participated in the winter track program. They shared camping experiences, and at least one survival camping trip. It was not unusual for one or the other to show up on the other’s doorstep just to do homework together and just hang out.

Wally says Mac was the more accomplished runner and he was pulled along with him. Mac was very focused on improving his times in the hurdles and was the state championship hurdler in 1972.

After graduating from Marshfield, Mac went off to the Air Force Academy where he was an All-American and captain of the Track & Field Team. Mac had a 30-year career in the Air Force which entailed 14 moves around the world. Wally was drafted into the Army and spent 4 years in the service. When he got home, he didn’t see college in his future and went to work at McKay’s Market where he worked his way into management. Wally went on to start several small local markets in Coos County. He and his family have provided pick your own blueberries opportunities to the public for many years at the Hazen Riverside Blueberry Farm.

Wally and Mac stayed in touch with each other during the intervening years. Making sure they got together whenever possible. It didn’t hurt that Mac’s high school sweetheart and then wife had been friends with Wally since they were both in 6th grade.

Mac retired from the Air Force and returned to Coos Bay in 2005 and the friendship flourished again. They did some traveling, camping, and fishing. According to Wally, Mac wasn’t real fond of fishing, he just liked catching. Wally liked fishing! When Mac was involved with the track program Wally and his wife helped wherever they were needed; on the field or in the concession stands. They also helped with the big after season party for the athletes at Mac and Linnea’s home on the lake.

He and Linnea worked side-by-side to build their dream home in Lakeside while Mac integrated into the community as a member of Rotary and as an active volunteer coach for the Marshfield Track & Field program under Fran Worthen.

Mac became the MHS Track & Field head coach allowing him the opportunity to apply his tremendous leadership and interpersonal skills towards developing and building an elite high school program around on team rule: “Never let your teammates down” and three standards for excellence. *Live with Integrity, Compete with Class, and Add to the Legacy.*

In 2015 Mac was diagnosed with Stage IV pancreatic cancer. He fought his diagnosis for two years before the disease took his life.

Mac was a lifelong learner who earned incredible personal success. However, his greatest fulfillment came from his leadership roles as a teacher, flight instructor, track coach, father, and grandfather. A primary life lesson he imparted everywhere he went: Making people reach for success provides intense personal and professional gratification.