

Ron Lowe:

Ron graduated from Nyssa High School in 1950, where he competed in football, basketball and track. In the fall of 1950 Ron entered Southern Idaho College at Albion, Id. where he participated in football and basketball. In 1951 he transferred to Eastern Oregon State College at La Grande, Oregon where he participated in football and track. In 1953 he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon completion of his stint in the military, in 1955, Ron returned to EOSC where he completed his BS degree in 1956.

He began his teaching career in 1956 at Madras Junior HS, where he coached basketball and track & field. Ron moved to Burns High School in 1961 where, in addition to his teaching assignments, he was Asst. Coach in varsity Football, junior varsity basketball and head track coach. In 1964 he was named the varsity football head coach, a position he held for six years. During his tenure at Burns, the Hilanders won six league Track and Field Titles. He was instrumental in founding the first Girls Track Team at Burns HS, well before Title IX was enacted. Ron served as AD for five years while continuing to be the Head Football and Boys Track & Field Coach.

In 1970 Ron moved to the Willamette Valley as the Head Track & Cross Country Coach at Milwaukie High School. His two years at MHS was summed up by a quote by MHS AD Director, John Rhode, in a Milwaukie newspaper clipping: "He will be sorely missed at MHS. Ron was the one in a million kind who would fill in anytime, anywhere, without any complaints, and always turned in a top performance".

In 1972 Ron was hired by his close and longtime friend and former coaching colleague, Dell Squire (who at the time was Principal of Aloha High School) to become the Activities Director and Athletic Director at Aloha High School, a position he would hold for 19-years.

In 1973 he became the Head Boys Track Coach winning numerous League titles and amassed 70 dual meet wins. In 1978 Aloha won the OSAA 4A Boys Oregon State Track Championship. His Warrior teams had second place finishes in 1976, 1977 and 1979. He had the good fortune to coach his son Rourke during these years. Rourke was a five-time state high school hurdles champion. Ron was honored as the 1979 Oregon Boys Coach of the Year. He was twice nominated for National Track Coach of the Year by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Assn. Ron was AHS first Girls Basketball Head Coach when Aloha started the program. Ron retired in 1991 after 35 years as an educator all in Oregon schools.

After retiring, Ron and Maxine started **Lowe's Woodworking**, building custom furniture. Then in 1994, they bought a bungalow in the First Edition Neighborhood of Lake Oswego, Oregon which they lovingly restored and turned into a rental property. In 1998 they bought and restored a cottage in the Presidential Neighborhood of Cannon Beach, Oregon which became a family vacation home frequented by their children and grandchildren creating many happy memories.

Ron and Maxine have four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

