



Dwayne E. Roe

January 1, 1931 - November 8, 2022

Dwayne E. “Moose” Roe, age 91, of Dixon, passed away, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at Dixon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Dixon, IL. He was born on January 1, 1931, the son of John and Carrie (Rayburn) Roe, in Williamsport, IN.

Dwayne graduated from Danville High School in Danville, IL. and received his Bachelor’s Degree from Eastern Illinois University and Master’s Degree from University of Illinois. He worked in education as a US History teacher and as a Football, Basketball and Track coach at high schools in Danville, IL, in Loves Park, IL, and Fairbury, IL before moving to coach basketball at North Texas State University in Denton, TX and Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK. He came back to Illinois, and high school teaching and coaching at Olympia High school in Stanford, IL and retired from Morris High school in Morris, IL. At Eastern Illinois University, he was a three sport athlete, winning eleven letters and was inducted into the Eastern Illinois Hall of Fame. He was a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity at EIU. Dwayne was drafted by the Detroit Lions but Uncle Sam drafted him as well into the Army where he served with the Military Police at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM during the Korean Conflict. Dwayne was known for his recruiting expertise in the college realm. His teams from ORU went to two NIT’s and made the NCAA Elite 8, falling to Kansas in overtime. Fifteen of his recruits went to the NBA, ABA, and to Europe. Dwayne was a member of the Corn Belt Alzheimer Association Board in Bloomington.

Dwayne married Marilyn Stephan on February 14, 1953 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Danville, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Coach used his knowledge and experience to encourage his students and athletes to meet challenges head-on, believing in disciplined hard work and practice, lots of practice!

Lasting and grateful memories will be cherished by his son, Gregory (Gail) Roe of Arlington, TX; and his daughter, Stephanie Roe (Jerry) Quinton of Dixon, IL; his grandchildren, Taylor (Cory) Morris of Oregon, IL, Eric (Loren) Roe of Grapevine, TX, and Megan (Matthew) McCrane of Brownwood, TX. He has three great grandsons: Houston, Bryant and Kimball.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of cremains will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 1:30 PM at Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church located at 131 N. Court Street, Dixon, IL. The service will also be live-streamed at: <http://www.dixonbethel.com/dwayneroe>

A memorial will be established during his celebration of life.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

1121 N. Galena Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUN 10. 1:30 PM (CT)

Bethel Church
131 North Court
Dixon, IL 61021
<http://www.dixonbethel.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dwayne E. Roe*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dwayne E. Roe.*



June 08, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dwayne E. Roe.*

June 08, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *Dwayne E. Roe*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM

RS

“ I had the good fortune of serving as the AAL/Thrivent insurance agent for "Moose" and Marilyn when they lived in the Bloomington/Normal area. On our appointments we conducted our usual business but more time was spent as they shared the stories of their life, travels and the places they lived.

To the children/grandchildren, my condolences. Your parents/grandparents, they were good people and I am glad that I was able to share a part of my life knowing them.

The Lord's Blessings

Bob Starckovich

AAL/Thrivent Retiree

Bloomington, IL

Robert Starckovich - November 18, 2022 at 12:50 PM

PF

“ Coach Roe was my history teacher and my basketball coach at Fairbury-Cropsey High School. He often shot free throws while he talked to the players, who were sitting on the floor listening. (He made most of the free throws). He had some legendary stories and sayings--he was a treat to listen to! He talked a few times about going to high school with Jerry Van Dyke (and knew Dick Van Dyke) at Danville High School. Moose will always be remembered around the Fairbury area. Paul Fagot Flint, Aledo, IL

Paul Flint - November 16, 2022 at 07:49 PM

EH

Paul, thank you for sharing these memories.

Ellen Hankes - June 02, 2023 at 10:54 PM

EH

Coach Roe was also my American History teacher at Fairbury-Cropsey High School in the 1960's. I was in his class when we received news that President Kennedy had been assassinated. Mr. Roe brought in a television and helped us process what was happening.

Ellen Hankes - June 02, 2023 at 10:59 PM

MM

“ *Coach was a great person and coach he touched a lot students and athletes life was great to have the opportunity to have worked with him Mike Manahan*

Mike Manahan - November 16, 2022 at 05:28 PM

KP

“ *Moose was my U.S. History teacher my Jr. year at Morris HS. I'll never forget the Monday after Bobby Knight threw the chair. Moose started class with a several minute long explanation why Coach Knight threw it. All things considered with Indiana's basketball team that year and the situation on the court, I've never heard a better explanation to date.*

Just in case you wondered, the reason according to Moose was Chris Alford was not Isaiah Thomas and Alford couldn't go to the left.

Also, if there's a test tomorrow, you better come loaded for bear and not barely loaded.

*Kent Peacock
Morris, IL*

Kent Peacock - November 16, 2022 at 02:39 PM

AB

“ I am sorry to hear of Coaches passing. He was one of kind. Loved hearing all his stories! My thoughts and prayers go out Stephanie, Greg and their families. Sincerely, Ann Barlow

ann barlow - November 16, 2022 at 01:10 PM

BC

“ I knew him in Morris Il. as a teacher and a coach -- learned a lot! loved his stories and life lessons:

"smok'n dope and jump'n rope"

and

while making a spatula flipping motion -- "flipp'n burgers [at McDonalds]"

Brad Coop - November 16, 2022 at 12:06 PM

JT

“ What can I say about “Moose”. I knew him through basketball when I coached & taught at Kaneland and Morris High Schools. I’ll never forget when he came to my defense when another coach was criticizing me. Moose said, “Leave Joe alone, He’s forgotten more basketball than you’ll ever know”. We went to numerous b-ball clinics in Chicago where I met Eddie Sutton, Bob Knight, Dick Versace, and others through Moose. I learned so much about the game from his viewpoint. Moose just had an aura about him that made you smile. I could listen to his stories for hours. I will certainly miss his flare that would light up a room & I felt lucky & honored to know him. In Sympathy, Joe Thomas. Morris, IL

Joe Thomas - November 16, 2022 at 08:56 AM

JD

“ *Mr. Roe was an US History teacher at Fairbury-Cropsey HS. He made history come alive for me and instilled a love of history as a result. He was friend to my husband Lynn Dameron as well. He was a great man.*

Judy Ahring Dameron

Fairbury IL

Judy Ahring Dameron - November 15, 2022 at 11:43 PM