

MILTON WILL

1942-1973

Hall of Fame Inductee



Milton Garen Will was born in Meigs County, Ohio on February 13, 1917. He was the ninth child of eleven born to William and Edna Will. Milton's father was a farmer and a teacher, who taught in a one-room school.

As a child, Milton attended Chester School where he participated in track, football and basketball. Upon graduating from high school, he attended Ohio University where he received a two-year teaching certificate. While at Ohio University, he was a member of the intercollegiate boxing team.

He began his teaching career at Forinoff Junior High in the Columbus School System. After teaching four years, he applied for a job at Canal Winchester and was hired as a seventh and eighth grade math teacher.

In 1941, he married Ruth Shepard and they had four children, Karen, Sharon, Jim and Janice. All of their children graduated from Canal Winchester. Two of these children are currently teaching in the Canal Winchester School System.

Milton coached football, basketball and track during his career at CW. He was the Varsity Track coach from 1943 until 1964. During this time, he started the Canal Winchester Track Invitational which later became the Milton Will Invitational.

In 1959, Milton became the first athletic director at Canal Winchester. During his years as athletic director, he found time to continue his education at Capital University and graduate with honors.

While at Canal Winchester, Milton felt honored to teach, coach and officiate with some of the best athletes in the school's history including three of the 1993 Hall of Fame Inductees. Annually, the Milton Will Service Award is given to a deserving staff member.