

Maumee Loses Great Alumnus, Lifelong Friend

Richard W. Kazmaier, Jr.

November 23, 1930 – August 1, 2013

Richard W. (Dick) Kazmaier ended the 4th quarter of his life on August 1, 2013 and Maumee lost a great alumnus and lifelong friend. Dick was a member of the Maumee High School Class of 1948 and earned 17 varsity letters playing football, basketball, baseball, golf and running track for Maumee. Dick never forgot his hometown, where he began his life and athletic career. He remained an ardent supporter of Maumee High School, students, and the entire Maumee community after he gained notoriety for winning the 1951 Heisman Trophy playing football at Princeton.

For nearly 20 years, Dick Kazmaier traveled to Maumee each summer to host his signature golf outing that was started as his way to support a scholarship fund he established at Maumee High School for college-bound scholar athletes. Maumee High School retired Dick's football jersey (#21), on September 21, 2007 during the same ceremony when he donated his Heisman Trophy to Maumee High School. Maumee is now one of only four high schools in the country to proudly display a Heisman Trophy. Dick Kazmaier was inducted into the MHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993, the football stadium was named for him in 1998, and he received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Alumni Association in 2010.

Dick graduated cum laude from Princeton University in 1952 and received his MBA from Harvard University in 1954. In 1951, Dick not only won the Heisman Trophy, but was voted the Male Athlete of the Year, named as an All-American football player and as Time Magazine's Man of the Year. He served three years active duty as an aviation ground officer in the U.S. Navy.

In his later years, Dick was the President of Kazmaier Associates, Inc., a family investment company with offices in Massachusetts and California. He established the firm in 1975 after having served for 15 years as president or general manager of several different businesses. He served as a trustee of Princeton University and on the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. He was chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, appointed by President Reagan, and he served as President of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He was a Director of SGMA International, a US sporting goods trade association, and was President of the World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry. He also served as a director of C. Brewer and Company, Limited, a Hawaiian agribusiness and land development concern.

Dick was married to Patty Kazmaier and they are the proud parents of six daughters, eleven grandchildren, three (and counting) great-grandchildren.