



LOU GRAHAM

OV EDUCATOR & COACH 1970 - 2010

A GRADUATE OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN. LOU TAUGHT AT OV FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, WHILE THERE, HE ALSO COACHED FOOTBALL, WRESTLING & TRACK. HE WAS A MEMBER AND A FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH. IN HIS RETIREMENT HE TAUGHT ENGLISH AT MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HE ENJOYED FISHING AND HANGING WITH HIS GRAND-KIDS.

IN REMEMBERING HER DAD, DAUGHTER ANDREA SAYS "I LOOK AT THE BOOKS THAT LINE THE SHELVES OF THE BOOKCASES IN MY DAD'S HOME OFFICE, THE BIBLE, LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS BY THE DOZEN. NINE COPIES OF ATLAS SHRUGGED. NINE. THAT MAKES ME SMILE. THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT I COULD TELL YOU ABOUT HIM. I CHOSE THE MEMORY I HAVE OF THE TIME WE SAW A SHAKESPEARE PLAY PERFORMED IN STRATFORD ONTARIO. HE TOOK AN ENTIRE CLASS THERE ON A TRAVEL BUS. IT WAS FANTASTIC! MY DAD AND I SPENT THE AFTERNOON WANDERING THROUGH THE TOWN AND EATING LUNCH AT AN INCREDIBLE CHINESE RESTAURANT. MY DAD WAS A MAN OF FEW WORDS. HIS ACTIONS AND TONE SPOKE FOR HIM. I MISS HIM EVERY DAY"

LOU MEANT SO MUCH TO SO MANY IN THE OV COMMUNITY. THERE ISN'T ANY DOUBT HE WAS A TEACHER TO GENERATIONS AND A GREAT MAN. HIS TEACHING WENT WAY BEYOND THE WALLS OF A CLASSROOM AND EXTENDED INTO SPORTS WHERE HE AFFECTED MANY MORE STUDENTS AND ADULTS; NOT ONLY FROM OV BUT ALSO FROM THE SCHOOLS WE PLAYED.