

Former UWO swimming, tennis coach, educator passes away

by Alex Hummel - Thursday, September 05, 2013

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/29193/former-uwo-swimming-tennis-coach-educator-passes-away/>

Jim Davies, who taught and coached at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for 26 years, died on Sunday, Sept. 1 in Oshkosh at the age of 87.

Davies joined UW Oshkosh as a physical education teacher in 1964. He then coached the Titans in men's tennis from 1965 to 1990, men's swimming & diving from 1965 to 1978 and women's tennis from 1978 to 1989.

"I never met a student-athlete I didn't like," Davies said after his retirement in 1990. "It was just a fantastic experience. I would never change it for the world. I feel I had the best job at the university."

Davies was inducted into the UW Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000.

Davies was born April 20, 1926, in Janesville, the son of the late James and Florence Pickering Davies. He married Margaret Hoyer on August 22, 1956 in Rockford Ill. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and his sister-in-law, Verna (Don) Heinicke of Wenatchee, Wash., and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Margaret Creutz, Florence Cronin and Joyce Rott.

Memorial services for Davies will be Friday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. in the Fiss and Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, with the Rev. JoAnn Schoblaske officiating. Family and friends may call at the Funeral Home on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service.