

## **Scholarship Summary for Bill Moore**

The Bill Moore Memorial Scholarship was established to honor his contributions as a teacher, coach and role model.

William H. (Bill) Moore was born on September 15, 1913 in Bloomington, Illinois. In his youth, he always loved playing sports. In high school, he played basketball, was on the track team (half mile and discus), but stood out as a starting guard and captain on the football team. Bill graduated from Bloomington High School in 1932.

Bill attended Illinois Normal University (now know as Illinois State University) in Normal, Illinois. He paid for his college education by working at the Bloomington Maplewood Golf Course. He was on the golf team, but starred as a football player. He was a starting guard and, in 1936, was named captain of the team. At the end of the 1936 season, he was chosen as the team MVP, was an all-conference pick and was selected to the Little All-American team by both The Associated Press and United Press International. Bill received his bachelors of education degree in 1937, and later received his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1940.

Bill taught and coached in Ridgely, Illinois for three years, where he met his future wife, Carol Christensen. He came to Mason City in 1940 and taught math at the Mason City High School and was the track coach and assistant football coach at the high school, as well as, assisting with wrestling at the Junior College. Bill married Carol in August of 1941.

He enlisted for military service during World War II and served as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp. Bill returned to Mason City in the fall of 1946, and resumed his position as a math teacher and head track coach at the high school, and also, was named assistant football and basketball coach. Later, Bill moved from the assistant football position at the high school to become head football coach at the junior college. When given the opportunity to become the head football coach at the Mason City High School, he took that position in lieu of his post as head football coach at the junior college.

Bill enjoyed great success as head football coach. His Mohawk team was undefeated in 1965, a record which still stands. He retired from coaching later that same school year. In all his years of coaching football, none of his teams ever had a losing record.

As track coach for the Mason City High School, he instituted the Mohawk Relays, one relay race of which is now named in his honor. Bill was successful as a track coach and his stature was recognized in 1963 when he was named an honorary referee at the A. D. Dickinson State College of Iowa Relays.

Although retired as a coach, Bill stayed active in sports by officiating for high school football and basketball games and starting track and swimming meets. One year he was a high school referee at the Drake Relays.

Bill taught various math classes including Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry. Although students say that he was strict, he was a popular teacher because they knew that he was fair and cared about them. Even students from other math classes would come to him for help. Bill retired from teaching in 1979.

Retirement did not mean inactivity. He played golf extensively, including participating for several years in area senior's tournaments. He fished a lot and enjoyed an annual fishing trip to Canada. He made so many trips to Jan Lake that a bay (Moore's Bay) there was named for him.

But Bill did not just spend his retirement in leisure activities. He has been deeply involved with the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank, volunteering from 1982 to 2007. He served both on the board and then as President of the Board for six years. He was active in civic organizations throughout his life. He was a charter member of the Evening Lion's Club; a continuous member of the American Legion for over 60 years; a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving on the Board of Trustees, the Board of Social Ministry, ushering, and teaching Sunday School.

Bill was honored by being inducted into the Iowa Football Coaches Hall of Fame (1968), the Iowa Track Coaches Hall of Fame (1972) and the Illinois State Athletic Hall of Fame (1992).

Bill was unselfish and humble. He personified the qualities that he hoped to impart in others including fairness, persistence, leadership, sportsmanship, service and integrity.

William H. Moore died on January 5, 2011 at the age of 97.

## **Criteria for the Bill Moore Memorial Scholarship**

- **MCHS Senior**
- **Member of Varsity Sport/Team**
- **Maintains at least a “B” average in math classes**
- **Financial Need**
- **Demonstrates strength of character & citizenship**

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