



Carl Emerson Steward

March 2, 1932 - February 10, 2015

Carl Emerson Steward, 82, of Bald Knob, died Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Searcy. He was born March 2, 1932 in Bald Knob a son of the late Murrell and Lillian (Richards) Steward. Carl is considered the Dean of Track and Field officiating in the state of Arkansas for high school and college. Retired high school and college athlete, coach, principal and superintendent, he was the first athlete to run the 880 under two minutes at UCA in 1952 with a time of 1.57.7 . He served AAA as a starter from 1957-1980 and 1980 to 2009 as referee. Served AIC as starter and referee from 1985-1995. Served as chief referee for World Police and Fire Games-1992. Has served as starter or referee for colleges, and universities in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Certification officer for Track and Field Official USA for Arkansas. Fifty-eight years of officiating experience
Other honors include the following:

Forty Arkansas High School state meets and forty Arkansas Meet of Champions as referee

Thirty years of experience officiating SEC, Southwest, and Sunbelt Conference meets

Nine NCAA Div. I Championship meets

One Police & Fire World Games

Induction into the Arkansas Track & Field Hall of Fame

Service to the sport as USATF Certification Chair and ATFHF President

But more than just these numbers, Carl spent decades encouraging and

training track and field officials in the Arkansas Association, as well as other areas. For over fifty years he set a model of excellence and professionalism in both his knowledge and application of the rules and in his ability to deal with officials, coaches, and athletes. He set the groundwork that prepared officials in the Arkansas Association to host NCAA Div. I National Championship meets for eleven consecutive years. Coaches and officials from around the country speak admirably of Carl's ability and character. It is because of his outstanding work that the University of Arkansas Track & Field Officials' Association has named their highest honor the "Carl Steward Award for Excellence in Officiating."

Carl also invested himself in the furtherance of the sport, working to raise money to support high school track and field throughout our state, serving as President of the Arkansas Track & Field Hall of Fame, serving as Officials' and Certification Chair of the Arkansas Association, and encouraging younger officials and coaches. Carl has left an indelible mark across our association and the surrounding states.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Helen Steward; 2 daughters, Becky Steward and Debbie Fly (Benny); 3 sons, Steve Steward (Karen), Tim Steward (Laura) and John Steward (Tracie); special chosen daughter, Brenda Gray; grandchildren, Daniel Stovall(Courtney), Scott Stovall, Ashley Angus (Josh), Jake Steward, Shane Steward and Bo Steward; great-grandchildren, Jagger Stovall, Nicholas Stovall, Kendall Stovall, Sidney Angus, Kennedy Angus, Colton Angus and Cache Angus; brother, Eugene Steward (Jean); sister, Kathryn Odom; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene Steward.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the L.J. Steward Addition of Shady Grove by Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob - Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Donations can be made to: Track and Field Hall of Fame
C/O Randy Taylor
102 Weston Place
Little Rock, AR 72211

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I was the school nurse in Augusta When Mr. Steward was superintendent. He called all the students youngsters & made them laugh. He was a good man. Loved his family & will be missed by all who knew him. David & Jeannie Freppon

Mr. & Mrs. David & Jeannie Freppon - May 04, 2016 at 03:56 PM

SS

“ Sending sincere sympathy

Susan Shaddox - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

PJ

“ Carl, Helen and John were good friends during their time in Lavaca. Carl was a leader in many positive changes in the school district. Our prayers are with you Helen and the rest of the Steward family.

Perry Johnson - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

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BM

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Y'all are in our prayers

Billy Joe and Ella Jean McCain - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

BB

“ *To the Steward Family - I remember when Coach Steward was at Des Arc High School in the late 1950's. He served as Senior Class sponsor with my grandmother, Dada Greer in 1959. I had the pleasure of seeing him again about 10 years ago when Episopal Collegiate here in Little Rock coached by his son, Tim, played Des Arc. We met at Dondie's in Des Arc & shared fond memories of DAHS. You are all in my prayers in the loss of a very good man.*

Beth Greer Byrd - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

RH

“ *Mrs. Helen - I loved Mr Steward and enjoyed working for him at Lavaca. You and your family ar in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rayda Hobbs - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

KW

“ *Mr.Steward started every high school track meet I ever ran in.He was a funny but serious man at track meets.I was so sorry to read of his passing.Seeing his picture brought back many fond memories.Rest in peace.*

Keith Woosley - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

NF

“ My best wishes to Carl's family. I knew him many years ago and saw him again when I moved back to Bald Knob some two years ago after a long absence. Am so impressed with his accomplishments in the track and field area. May God bless you all.

Nelda R. Fuller - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

VB

“ Dear Aunt Helen,Becky,Steve,Debbie,Tim and John, it was wonderful being with all of you this past week. I was feeling the love you have for each other and for those around you. I hold many fond memories of our times together throughout my childhood and later into adulthood. Uncle Carl was very special to me. I loved his humor. I could always count on him to make me laugh as well as give me advise when needed. Every time I see a hummingbird I will think of him and remember the times we sat on the porch watching all the hummingbirds come to feed. I love you all... Valeri, Paul, Allison and Adam...

Valerie Brackman - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM

MC

“ I played basketball at Griffithville and remember Mr. Seward from calling many many of our games over the years. I recognized that he was a good man by the way he officiated the games. You remember the "bad ones" and the "good ones" in life and he was certainly one of the good ones. May the God of Peace, Jehovah Shalom, be with your family in a special way now to comfort and sustain you at this time. Sincerely, Marcia Cohen Chapman

Marcia Cohen Chapman - February 10, 2016 at 01:57 PM