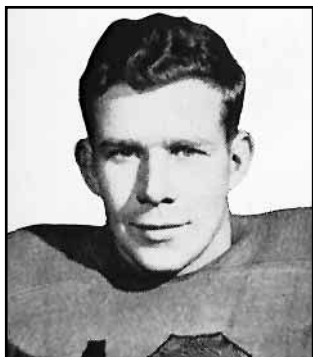


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A series of tributes to hometown heroes who have made a difference.

Stewart "Red" Faught



A native of Sullivan and an outstanding quarterback at Indiana State, Stewart Ray "Red" Faught is recognized as one of the nation's most innovative college football coaches.

The son of Cecil and Mildred (Jones) Faught, Red was born on Jan. 7, 1924. During 1940 and 1941 he was a superb quarterback at Sullivan High School under its legendary Coach Paul "Spike" Kelly. The Golden Arrows compiled 9-1 records in both seasons, and Faught earned All-Wabash Valley and All-State honors and a football scholarship to Indiana University.

However, he enlisted in the U.S. Army after his freshman year, serving with the 103rd Infantry in Europe during World War II and earning the Purple Heart. After the war, Faught enrolled at Indiana State Teachers College and was the leader on Coach Walter E. Marks' 1946 and 1947 football squads, receiving the team's Most Valuable Player award his senior year. On May 24, 1947, he wed Elizabeth Jean Lewellyn in Terre Haute. The Faughts raised one son, Edward. Red graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1948 and acquired a master's degree from the Terre Haute college in 1957. He was inducted into the Indiana State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1985.

Faught's first football coaching job was at South Bend Riley as an assistant to Kelly, his high school mentor. In 1952 he became head coach at Linton High School and after three years was named head football coach at Clinton High School. He accepted the head coaching job at Franklin College in 1957, remaining there for 32 years and becoming a tenured physical education professor and athletic director in 1961. He also was head track coach for 24 years. When he retired as football coach after the 1988 season, Faught was widely known for his creative offenses. Each year for nearly 20 consecutive years, Faught's quarterback was among the top National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) passers. His college career head coaching record was 160-139-6. Named Hoosier College Conference Coach of the Year (twice), Heartland Conference Coach of the Year and NAIA District Coach of the Year (five times), Red has been enshrined in halls of fame by Sullivan High School, Franklin College, the Indiana Football Coaches and the NAIA. In 1970 his Grizzlies won the Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, Mo., upsetting favored Wayne State, 40-12.

Honors continued to find Faught in his retirement. He was named Sagamore of the Wabash and a Distinguished Hoosier and, in 1989, became an honorary lifetime member of the American Football Coaches Association. Beginning in 1990, Red served three years as offensive coordinator at Georgetown (Ky.) College, which won the 1991 NAIA title with a 13-1 record. He coached at Georgetown College again in 1997. The Franklin College football stadium was renovated in 1999 and named the Stewart "Red" Faught Stadium. In 2004 Franklin awarded Red an honorary doctorate of science.

Faught died Sept. 16, 2005, at age 81, in Franklin. His wife and son survive him.



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