

TECUMSEH ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
1997 INDUCTEE

RICHARD WENGER

Born in Findlay, Ohio in 1921, the oldest of four children of Floyd and Eula Wenger.

Dick graduated from Bluffton High School. While playing sports, he earned varsity letters in football, basketball and track. During his sophomore year, his role as a reserve on the basketball team was important, as that team played in the state tournament. As his athletic skills developed over the next few years, Dick was recognized as an All League Honorable Mention in football his senior year.

After a year at Case Institute of Technology, Bluffton College seemed more appealing. Earning three letters in football and two in basketball, he would be physically fit to enter the Army. While in the 3rd Cavalry, Dick would serve as part of General George Patton's Third Army. Discharged in 1946 with a rank of S/Sgt., he returned to finish his degree and play one more year of football at Bluffton College.

Marrying his wonderful wife, Angela Meyer in 1947, they raised four children, all to graduate from Tecumseh High School; sons-Lowell '67, and Terry '69, daughters- Sharon '71 and Cynthia '75.

Entering the academic work force, Dick spent five years at Wauseon High School as an assistant coach in football, basketball and track. Another two years with Mt. Sterling High School as football and basketball coach.

In 1954, Dick was at Tecumseh High School as a football coach, track coach and assistant basketball coach. During his three years as a football coach, a record of 14-12 was compiled, with a Co-Championship of Clark County Athletic League with a record of 7-2. He was appointed to Athletic Director in 1957, a position he would hold until 1963. A change was in order and Dick was appointed to assistant principal in 1972. His love for the classroom, he returned to it in 1976. After thirty four years, with the last twenty seven at Tecumseh High school, he retired from education in 1985.

Keeping his love for sports, Dick can often be seen in the stands supporting the Arrows, many of which are his former students and their grandchildren.