

Coach Earle Brown

My Dad, Coach Earle Brown, surely loved Clearwater High football. And every time we went anywhere, we had to drive by the football stadium to make sure it was okay. Even if it meant going the opposite direction.

He, for a while, was the winningest coach in the State for highschool football.; He had played as a lineman for the famous General Neyland at University of Tennessee before going into coaching. That included playing in an all star football game in Chicago.

But what I remember was how he went every morning for practices, and on Sundays visited any players who were injured, and took endless calls from reporters who had not attended the games, and how my girlfriend Nancy and I used to skip out on the games and go to Surfers Club.

He was truly one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was well loved by his beautiful wife Marie, and his daughters Brenda and Cindy., as well as his cousins, grandsons and a host of friends.

The stress of the games was hard! I recently saw these tips from a coach on LinkedIn, that sounded true to me:

1. There will always be critics no matter what you do.
2. It will consume you.
3. You will not make everyone happy.
4. You are not in it for the money.

When not involved in football, he was active in the Clearwater Beach Red Cross swim program, engaged in his and his wife's antique business, and a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church.

We greatly appreciate this wonderful honor! My cousins and friends and family are here to celebrate as well.

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