

David Allen Weatherill (1929-2018)



Professor Emeritus **David Allen Weatherill** served in the Department of Movement Sciences and passed away June 7, 2018. David was also an alumnus, class of 1951, from Chapman College, then located on the Vermont Ave. Los Angeles campus. During his college years, David was active in basketball, baseball and track and field. According to the Chapman University website, "David was an All-Conference selection in both basketball and baseball and was named the team MVP in all three sports as a senior. During the 1950-51 school year as a senior, he earned the Welch Trophy (basketball MVP), the Hertzog Trophy (baseball MVP) and the Doner Trophy (track and field MVP) and set a school record in the 440 yards. David was inducted into the Chapman College Hall of Fame in 1983 for his participation in basketball."

It was on the Los Angeles campus that David met his first wife, Greta Bilyeu. They eventually settled in Orange where they raised their family and David began his career as the Panthers' head basketball coach in 1967. According to the Chapman University website, "David served in that role for six years as well as spending some time as Chapman's interim Director of Athletics. His reach on campus extended beyond just athletics as the divisional chairman of Chapman's health and physical education department as well as the associate director of the Department of Cooperative Education."

David and Greta were married for 39 years before she became terminally ill and passed away. David then married Beverly Snell Kamp, a lifelong friend who also went to college with Dave and Greta. Beverly was best friends with Greta and helped take care of her the last year of her life as she struggled with cancer.

In retirement, David, along with Bill Parker, compiled statistics for a two volume book entitled *Chapman University Athletic Heritage*, a chronology of Chapman athletes and sports by decade. This labor of love was and is invaluable to researchers and the staff of the Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives in the Leatherby Libraries. Many research questions have been answered because of the dedication of these two Chapman alumni.

David's memorial service was held on June 16 of this year where the sanctuary of the First Christian Church of Orange filled to capacity--with members of David's, Greta's and Beverly's families, with First Christian congregation members and with a large contingent of Chapman faculty from disciplines ranging from English to Political Science to his own department of Movement Sciences. Those of us in attendance heard tributes to David, as a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, teacher, colleague, mentor and friend.

We were fortunate to have David as a member of our Association and he and Beverly attended many events--holiday get-togethers, membership and informal luncheons. Like, Dorothy, David had a beaming smile and he liked to joke and tease in a fun and endearing way.

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In Memoriam: Dave Weatherill '51 (M.A. '66) (1929-2018) **Chapman Magazine**

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Dave Weatherill '51 (M.A. '66), a member of the Chapman University Athletics Hall of Fame, passed away June 7. He was 90.

Over the years, Weatherill made an impact at Chapman as an athlete, coach, faculty member and administrator.

“David Weatherill was ‘Mr. Chapman,’” said Doug Aiken, associate director of athletics. “He was regarded as the patriarch of Chapman athletics and our Hall of Fame. He was actively involved and one of our most dedicated supporters. He will be greatly missed.”

After coaching basketball at Bonita High School 1956-66, Weatherill followed Chapman to Orange. He earned a master's degree in physical education before becoming the Panthers' basketball coach for seven years, beginning in 1967.

Weatherill remained on the faculty as an assistant and associate professor until 1993. But, his involvement with the University was far from over. He took on a host of projects, including collecting various teams' pictures dating to the 1920s and framing them for display in Hutton Sports Center, as well as compiling a book of athletes' names and game results that Chapman still uses as a reference.

In 2011, Weatherill was featured along with his wife, Beverly, a 1950 graduate, among the 150 Faces of Chapman University selected in commemoration of the school's 150th anniversary.

In addition to Bev, Weatherill is survived by three children from his marriage to his first wife, Greta, who died in 1989: Linda Lee Low '74, Teri Lynn Califf '81 and Ronald “Scott” Weatherill '81. He also is survived by Bev's four children: Christopher Wayne Kamp, Mark W. Kamp, Lisa N. Newmeyer and Andrea R. Pressley. The couple's blended family includes 17

grandchildren – Chapman alumni Lauren Kamp '08 and Kevin Kamp '14 among them – and 14 great-grandchildren.

Among the many family and friends who attended Weatherill's memorial service in June were men who had played for him at Bonita High more than a half-century ago, some of whom also had joined him for his 90th birthday celebration. The program for the service included excerpts from an interview conducted by his grandson Ryan, drawing on Weatherill's life wisdom: "It is important to work hard, have a ready smile and a good sense of humor – those help in dealing with people," Weatherill said.