

EDWIN "ED" LENARD

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1965

After graduating from Edgar High School in 1965, Edwin attended the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. While studying at UW Stevens Point, he was offered an assistant wrestling coach position at Pacelli High School which he accepted and continued for three seasons.

Ed took his first teaching job back in Edgar after graduating from UW-Stevens Point in 1970. He taught and was head football coach in Edgar for three years. Ed was also head wrestling coach for the 1972-73 season.

In the Fall of 1973, Ed and his wife Pat moved to Cadott where they both taught for the next 29 years. During that time, his love for coaching continued to grow as he coached wrestling, football and track, winning multiple WIAA Regional, Sectional and State Championships, all while wishing his master's degree in physical education at UW La Crosse, which he received in 1980.

Among his many achievements, Ed's peers voted him District Coach of the Year in 1997, 2000 and 2001. He was inducted into the Wisconsin George Martin Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2002. Ed received the Lifetime Service Award to Wrestling from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2012.

Ed has been a coach for an incredible 50 continuous years, a long time volunteer softball coach for Special Olympics, as well as other programs as a coach, mentor and friend. He served as a District Representative for the WWCA, Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association for 10 years.

Ed currently resides in Cadott, Wisconsin with his wife, Pat. Ed has three children, Farrah, Natalie and Ross.