

Howard Dean
Teacher – Coach – Athletic Administer
Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 12, 2012

Howard was born on July 15, 1936, in Middlesboro, Kentucky. He and his family moved to Wickenburg, Arizona in 1945. He played football, basketball, and baseball all four years at Wickenburg High School, graduating in 1954

After high school, Howard attended Grand Canyon College (now Grand Canyon University) on a baseball and basketball scholarship. While at GCC, he met Pat Green. They were married on June 2, 1956. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958.

He and Pat moved to Eloy where he began his teaching and coaching career at Santa Cruz Valley Union High School. While living and working in Eloy, Howard completed a Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University.

At Santa Cruz, "Coach" taught Physical Education, Driver's Education, American History, American Government, and Geography. He served as head baseball coach, head boy's and girl's basketball coach, and assistant football coach. He was Athletic Director from 1990 until 2002, when he retired after serving for 44 years at SC.

Upon his retirement, Coach Dean was inducted into the AIAAA Hall of Fame.

Coach and Pat lived in Eloy for 46 years and raised two sons. Jeff currently teaches in the Eloy Elementary District and Paul lives in Santa Monica, California. After they reached school age, Pat returned to teaching kindergarten in the Eloy Elementary Schools where she retired after 27 years.

After Pat's death in 2003, Howard returned to his childhood hometown. In 2008, he married longtime Wickenburg resident, Donna Steward. Since retirement, Howard has enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and spending time with family, especially his grandson, Quinn.

The community of Eloy and Santa Cruz in particular, continue to have a special place in Coach Howard Dean's heart.