

Hobart Wade Lytal

Quinlan High School Class of 1953

Hobart Wade Lytal was born in Quinlan, Texas, son of Hobart B. and Juanita Lytal.

Mr. Lytal attended school in Quinlan. During high school, Wade was a four-year letterman in basketball and a three-year all-district performer in baseball. He received the "All-Around Athlete" award his senior year. His multi-talented athletic career led to a full scholarship to Austin College.

While attending Austin College, Hobart was the recipient of eight letters in three different sports – football, basketball and baseball. For two consecutive years, he was the recipient of the Austin College Pete Cawthon Award (an athlete who exhibits strong character, leadership, effort and contribution to athletics and scholastic improvement). In 1956, he was selected to the Dallas Morning News All-Texas College Squad. Lytal received a Bachelor of Science degree from Austin College in 1957 and a Master of Science degree from East Texas State University in 1963. As a result of his tremendous athletic success, Hobart Wade Lytal was inducted into the Austin College Hall of Honor in 1972.

Lytal's love of sports steered him to the field of education. For the next twenty-two years of his career, Lytal served as a teacher, assistant coach and/or head coach at Celeste High School, Archer City High School, Leonard High School, Greenville High School, Tarleton State College, Sherman High School and MacArthur-Irving High School. In 1970, he was chosen to coach the Oil Bowl High School All-State Football Game.

In 1980, Irving Independent School District named Hobart Wade Lytal, Irving ISD Athletic Director. Upon acceptance of his position at Irving ISD, Lytal was quoted in the Irving Daily News as stating, "I believe athletics is more than winning. It's an education in life. I think the discipline that a youngster learns in athletic programs has a great carry-over into adult life. It teaches them that the harder they work; the more they can get accomplished." Lytal retired from Irving ISD in 1991.

Lytal has always been community service minded. He currently is a member of the Quinlan Trestle Board Masonic Lodge and the Association for Alumni of Austin College. While in Irving ISD, he was a member of the Las Colinas Rotary Club, serving as President. In 1972, the Irving Police Department presented Lytal with the Norman A. Southerland Award for community service.

Hobart Wade Lytal and his wife, Peggy, have two children, James Lytal and Lori (Lytal) McGiboney and four grandchildren. Lytal influenced countless athletes during his thirty-three years, including his son. According to James Lytal, "My father had a tremendous and positive impact on many young men and women because of his passion to teach the importance of hard work, ethics, discipline, respect and teamwork."

Hobart Wade Lytal was an exemplary athlete and a leader in professional coaching at the high school and collegiate level. Mr. Lytal exemplifies a Quinlan graduate that is worthy of emulation. Quinlan ISD is proud to induct Hobart Wade Lytal into the QISD Hall of Fame.