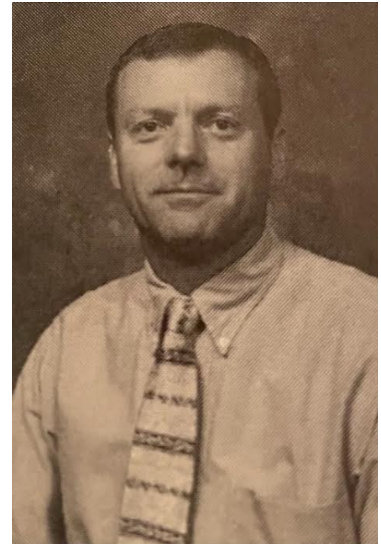


Don Hartlaub (Riverton High School)

Don Hartlaub coached Boys and Girls Track and Field for 44 years, primarily at Riverton High School. He coached an incredible 21 individual IHSA State Champions, including three State Champion Relays. Don coached both boys and girls to Individual State Championships. Fifty times, his athletes earned All-State medals. After a nine-month battle with cancer, he passed away just as the track season was beginning in the spring of 2018.



He leaves behind his wife, Mary. Twice, Don received ITCCCA-South Coach-of-the-Year. He was, also, quite a renowned basketball coach. In 2021, Don was inducted into the Millikin University Hall-of-Fame. “Most of his former athletes and coaching friends would agree, Dan’s bread and butter events as a Track and Field Coach were hurdles and high jump.” “Dan dedicated his entire life to athletics.” “He worked to make his athletes the best they could be, though he didn’t stop with just his athletes. He was always willing to give help to athletes from opposing schools.”

Here is a link to Coach Hartlaub's acceptance speech:

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