

Byron Hall of Fame Class of 2021



Dolores (Campbell) Streich – Athlete (1983)

Dolores was an outstanding, 3-sport athlete. In cross country, she was a 5-time letter winner, team captain her junior/senior years, and was the Outstanding “Thinclad” Award winner her senior year.

She was a 3-time letter winner in basketball, the team MVP her junior/senior years, captain her senior year, and All Conference her senior year. She was the record holder in the following categories when she graduated: Most Points in a Career (670), Most Points in a Game (33), Most Points in a Quarter, FG Made in a Game, FG% in a Game and FT% in a Game.

In track, Dolores was a 2-time letter winner, All Conference her junior and senior year, and the school record holding team of the 3200m relay.

She was named the Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1982-83, was a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Wasioja All Conference Band her senior year, and was the Charles Ramthun Athletic Scholarship Award recipient her senior year.

After graduation from Byron, Dolores attended Golden Valley Lutheran College for 2 years. While there, she competed in the same 3 sports. In cross country, she was a 2-year letter winner, a member of the NJCAA Region 13 championship and national NJCAA qualifying team that finished in 7th place, and an Academic All American. She was a basketball letter winner and All Conference in 1984-85. And in track, she was a 2-year letter winner.

Dolores then attended Moorhead State University (MSU) from 1985-1988. She was a 2-year letter winner in cross country, captain her senior year, MSU cross country Sportsmanship Award winner, and selected to the NAIA District 13 All District team. In track, she was a 2-year letter winner, All Conference for 2 years, and a member of the NSC Champion Women’s Outdoor track team. At the time of graduation, Dolores was 5th on the MSU all-time list for the 10,000 m run.

Dolores is currently working as a cytotechnologist for the Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato and has been employed there for 30 years. She and her husband Jeff have been married for 33 years, live in rural Janesville, MN, and have 3 grown children (Allison married to Sean Byron, Shane, and Cole) and 1 granddaughter Bailey. They plan on continuing to be involved with their local church and traveling around to visit family and friends.

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Jim Braaten – Athlete (1988)

Jim was a talented 3-sport athlete for BHS. He was an offensive/defensive lineman. The Bears went 10-3 his junior year to win the Wasioja Conference, Byron's 2nd conference football championship. That year, the Bears were the Section 1 Class B Champions but lost in the State Class B semi-finals. Jim's senior year, the Bears won a third Wasioja Conference title (6-3). Jim was elected All Conference both his junior and senior years, co-captain his senior year, and named Class B All State Honorable Mention as a defensive tackle.

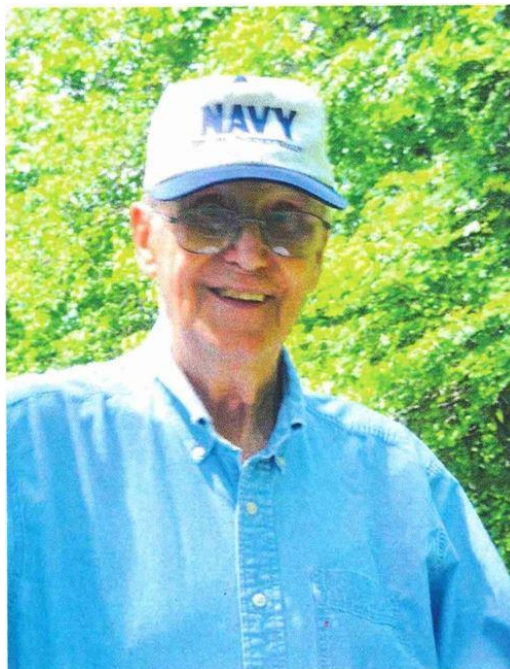
Jim played basketball for 3 years. His sophomore year, Jim played in 15 games, scored 85 points and averaged 5.7 points per game. His junior year, Jim played in 18 conference games, scored 244 points, and averaged 13.6 points per game. His senior year, Jim again played in 18 conference games, scored 259 points, and averaged 14.4 points, which was 7th best in the conference that year. In his career at BHS, Jim played in 57 games, scored 662 points, and averaged 11.6 points. He was his team's MVP both his junior and senior years, as well as co-captain and All Conference his senior year.

In the spring, Jim played baseball for 3 years. His sophomore year the team was 3rd in the conference (10-8-1) and was also the District 3 runner-up. His junior year, Jim played 1st base and pitched and was elected All Conference. His senior year, Jim led the team in batting average at .413 (conference .483), HRs and RBIs. As a pitcher that year, Jim was 6-0, 1 save, had a 2.65 ERA, and led the HVL in strikeouts. He was captain and All Conference his senior year.

Jim was the 1988 Outstanding Senior Athlete.

Jim and his wife Angela have 2 children, Haley and Jake. They live in Byron where Jim is the groundskeeper for the Byron School District.

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Victor Hubal Jr. – Coach

(1952-1954)

The years following World War II were challenging for young teachers fresh out of college and looking for work. Victor worked a variety of jobs at the St. Paul Post Office and painted houses. When a job placement agency called with the offer for Byron High School, Victor said yes immediately without going to look over the town first. He wasn't disappointed. The next 2 years at Byron were special to Victor and his wife Betty as they were the formative years of what followed.

Coach Victor's 2 years at Byron gave the community, up to that point, its best athletic records. His 1952 6-man team went 5-1-0 and outscored the 6 opponents 257 to 99 (averaging 42.8 vs. 16.5). His 1953 football team was 6-0-0, the first undefeated team in BHS history, and outscored the 6 opponents 292 to 34 (averaging 48.7 vs. 5.7). This team was ranked as one of the top 10 squads in the nation by a national 6-man football magazine. In his 2 years of coaching football, Coach Victor was 11-1-0 and earned a winning % of .917. He brought Byron its first ever football conference championship (1st ever in any sport) and had 2 consecutive seasons with winning records. He set the school record at that time for most wins in a season and career as well as season and career winning %. The 11-game winning streak over 2 years is still a school record today.

His 1952-53 basketball team was 14-4 overall and 9-1 in conference play. This team averaged 65.1 points per game (then a school record but broken by the 1975-76 team) and was the first BHS team to average 60+ points per game, beating opponents by an average of 17.4 points per game (then a school record and currently 3rd best of all time). The 1953-54 basketball team was 19-2 overall and 10-0 in conference play. The team set the school record for most wins in a season at 19 (tied by 1972-73 team). They had an 18-game winning streak (then a school record but was broken by the 1975-76 team and currently is tied for 3rd best of all time). This team made it to the quarter-finals of the District 3 Championship both years and was defeated by Rochester High School. Coach Victor not only led his teams to Byron's first ever conference basketball championship but also was the first coach to give them back-to-back conference championships. His teams set a school record at that time for most wins in a season as well as highest career winning % (.846) which is still the best today. Interestingly, Coach Victor also coached the B squad teams while at BHS.

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Coach Victor coached baseball his first spring. The season consisted of 5 games and ended with a record of 1-4 and a winning % of .200. That spring, the loss of an infant son to spina bifida prompted the young couple to move back to the Twin Cities where their family lived, and at the end of the 1954 school year, Coach Hubal and family left Byron. However, they never forgot the great kindness from the wonderful people in Byron during that time.

The 2 successful years at BHS put Coach Victor in 1st place on the BHS Most Successful Coaches list with 3 conference championships. He remained there for 36 years until Mike Cabaya won his 4th conference track championship in 1986. Currently, Coach Victor is tied for 7th place.

Coach Victor went on to successfully teach and coach at Forrest Lake High School, St. Paul Central High School, and Highland Park High School. Still with St. Paul Schools in the final 13 years of his career, Coach Victor switched from coaching sports to life-coaching at-risk students on to graduation. He retired in 1983.

Coach Victor and Betty had 5 children—James, Todd (deceased as an infant), Richard, Robert, and Heather. In 2012, he passed away at the age of 89. He considered his time coaching in Byron to be among the highlights of his career.



Carol Meyer – Booster

Carol has been a go-getter all her life. She was a 10-year member of Rice County's 4-H program, exhibited dairy animals at the MN State Fair, and was the Rice County 4-H Federation president in 1974-75. After graduation from high school, Carol attended Faribault Area Vocational & Technical Institute (FAVTI). While there, she was the co-editor of THE VOC SPOKE newspaper and, in 1976-77, was president of the Faribault chapter of the Office Education Association. That same year, Carol was the recipient of the FAVTI's Student Senate Award for displaying leadership in student government.

Carol has been a member of the Byron Booster Club since 2004. She was the baseball delegate from 2004-2008 and the co-softball delegate from 2006-2008. She has been the recording secretary of the Booster Club since 2006. Carol helps with the advertising campaign for the programs that are handed out at athletic events and volunteers to work in the concession stand.

Carol retired from the Byron School District in 2017 after 17 years as a Special Education paraprofessional to do daycare for her grandson and then her granddaughter. Carol also has announced varsity boys/girls soccer games as well as varsity softball games since 2005. Carol may be seen taking tickets at football/basketball games. In addition, Carol photographs the fall/spring plays. She loves reading, baking, walking, and taking pictures.

Her husband Glen is an RN at Mayo. They have 2 adult children, Jon and Jenny, and 3 grandchildren with Baby Recker due at the end of August.

As a non-coach, Carol feels it is rewarding to interact with the students of Byron through announcing and photography. At year-end gatherings, she tells the soccer/softball players that any articles appearing in the newspapers about them also appear in her scrapbook since these kids have been a part of Carol's life as well.