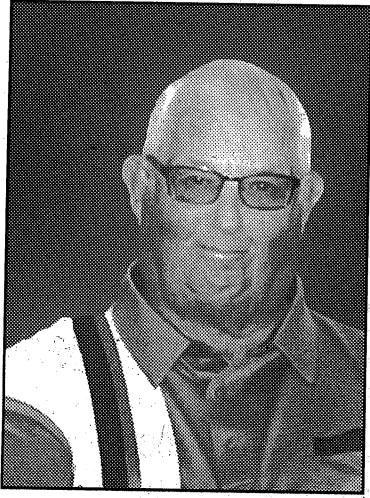


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DUANE BRAND
Mar. 2, 1937 ~ Jan. 15, 2023



Duane Dean (widely known as "Mr. B") Brand was born March 2, 1937, to Jacob and Freda (De Jong) Brand, in Killduff. He was a 1955 graduate of Lynnville-Sully High School, Central College in Pella, and earned a Master's degree at Drake University in Des Moines.

On June 14, 1957, he was united in marriage to Donna VanDerPol, in the First Reformed Church in Sully. When he was ready to pop the question, he did not ask her dad for her hand, but it was okay because he was already liked by her whole family. He was a good kid with a good reputation.

Duane lived in the Sully area his whole life and taught at Lynnville-Sully his entire career of 42 years. The year he graduated college, he was asked if he would start and direct the new L-S junior high sports program. He taught girls and boys basketball and track, as well as football. He was and will always be a legend at L-S. He was Coach of the Year several times, Junior High Official of the Year, Athletic Director, coach of baseball, softball, basketball, track, and junior high football. He also officiated several sports. Duane was a guidance counselor, the head of the little league program, and played fast-pitch softball for many years. He continued to volunteer his time to run the score clock for junior high sporting and at 85, he could still play the L-S fight song on his clarinet.

He was known for his love of sports, but he was better known for his servanthood to his community and family. Mr. B was a pillar of the L-S school district, but his impact far exceeded his community. If you asked him what his greatest accomplishment was, it was not his coaching or teaching career. It was being the best husband, father, grandpa, and great-grandpa anyone could ask for.

His mowing career began when he and his twin brother (Darrell of Montezuma) started mowing at the age of 9. He mowed his own yard, his family members' yards if they needed some extra help, neighbors' yards if they were going through a tough time, and he started his own business mowing local cemeteries. He was a storyteller. Probably everyone in Sully and anyone who worked with him or had him as a coach could tell you one of his twin, mowing, or coaching stories.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Donna and their family: Tammy Faye and Loren Vos, Brandon Jay and Andrea Vos, Rory Jay, Harlow Geri, Maren Jeanne, Jordan Dean and Miranda Vos, Nora Rey, Lena Jordan, Troy Dean and Danielle Brand, Sydney Nicole, Jake Everett, Jaden Patricia, twin brother Darrell (Sherma) Brand, Vicki Brand, John Daughtry, sisters-in-law: Iva and Marvin Baarda, Audrey Brand, and Dorothy VanDerPol, and many nieces and nephews.

What we wouldn't give for another hug or a "Hey mother," "Hey sis," or "Hey boy" from him. Until we meet again, Mr. B.