

Edmund Narkiewicz
Knights of the Round Table
Honorary
Class of 2011

Nominated by Committee

Mr. Narkiewicz was a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Shamokin, PA. His Bachelors Degree in Comprehensive Sciences was awarded by Bloomsburg University.

He began his career as a Science Teacher with the Lake-Lehman School District in 1963. He began coaching Track & Field for Lake-Lehman in the 1960's During the 1975-76 school year he founded the Cross Country Program at Lake-Lehman and coached both Cross Country and Track & Field until his retirement in June of 2000.

Mr. Narkiewicz had the opportunity to coach four PIAA State Champions. Mike Gennets - 1977, Giro Hall – 1982 & 1983, Dave Janiezek – 1985 and Brad Deiffenbacher – 1997. His team won three Division II Championships in Cross Country and the AA Boys Track Conference Title in 1999.

Mr. Narkiewicz was founder of the Cross Country Coaches Association, and was also a PIAA Track official. In 1989 the PIAA awarded him the Bronze Coaching Medal. In 1998 Mr. Narkiewicz was named the “Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year” by the Times Leader Newspaper.

The impact Mr. Narkiewicz made on the local track and cross country scene stretches beyond the Lake-Lehman boundaries. The Wyoming Valley Cross Country Coaches Association named their league championship in his honor.

Following his retirement from Lake-Lehman, Mr. Narkiewicz spent three seasons as assistant coach at Misericordia prior to his death in 2003. “Ed was a tremendous asset to our program,” said Dr. Michael Mould, former director of athletics at Misericordia. “We were a young program and had a young coaching staff when he came on board. He provided a steady influence.”

“Coach Nark’ stayed in touch with his Lake-Lehman family, sometimes bringing homemade pastries to the High School.

On May 10, 2005, the track was named in memory of Mr. Edmund Narkiewicz. It was officially named the Edmund Narkiewicz Track & Field Complex. A ceremony was held on the track followed by a Tri-Meet. A plaque was presented to the family in his honor at the field. Mr. Robert O. Roberts, former Superintendent offered the following remarks at the ceremony: "Those of you who benefit to run in this magnificent facility, should stop and think of Ed tonight. I am honored to participate in the dedication of this facility to my friend and colleague of many years, Mr. "Nark" was a humble man. He dedicated his life to help kids in the classroom and on the track. His untimely death left a hole in the Lake-Lehman family. Thousands of students and athletes are better people because of "Nark".

Although Mr. Narkiewicz had many memorable moments with Lake-Lehman Athletics, his greatest success came in areas away from Track and Field His family and especially his daughters Melinda, Marina and Marielle were his pride and joy.