
Obituaries

James C. Bonfield, 53, dean, former DGS football coach

Longtime Downers Grove resident and football coach James C. Bonfield, 53, died Oct. 25, 2003, in Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood.

Mass was celebrated Oct. 28 in Divine Savior Church, Downers Grove. Interment is in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside.

Mr. Bonfield was a dean and football coach at Downers Grove South High School, where he worked for 32 years. During his tenure, he instituted new approaches as an alternative to suspensions, and began the peer mediation program. He was a member of the Downers Grove Education Association and the Illinois Dean's Association, of which he had served as president.

A graduate of Proviso West High School, he received degrees from Western Illinois University, George Williams College and the University of Illinois. Mr. Bonfield was a member of Divine Savior

Parish in Downers Grove.

He enjoyed coaching, traveling, camping, and sailing.

A sports enthusiast, he also enjoyed running.

Survivors include his wife, Annette; his son, James; his mother, Eleanor; his mother-in-law, Ann Fosco; and one sister-in-law, Marie Pebler.

He was preceded in death by his father, James M., and his father-in-law, Edmund Fosco.

Memorials may be sent to the Jim Bonfield Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Downers Grove National Bank, 5140 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Arrangements were handled by Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, Downers Grove.



Mr. Bonfield