

After listening to the president of Parsons College and then being mystified when someone named Bert Campbell Hanson Jr.'s name was read (I thought I was Jerry!), I left the security of many great friends and a wonderful home town for Northwest Missouri State University and a degree in teaching and coaching. I graduated in 1966 and married for the first time two weeks later. My first teaching and coaching job took me to Sentral Community School in Fenton, Iowa where I was the football and basketball coach for three years. I left there for Lake Mills, Iowa and another 12 years of coaching basketball, baseball and golf. During that time my two daughters were born and I was able to maintain a full head of hair! This was not the case as I finished my last 22 years in coaching and teaching at Indianola High School in Indianola, Iowa. My life changed with a divorce and consequent remarriage in 1985 to my wife Nancy. She had three children and therefore we became a blended family of 7. ( Not much golf in those years.) I retired from teaching in 2002 but remained as boy's basketball coach for another year. I then started coaching middle school girls (what a retirement gig that was) and eventually took over as head girls coach, a position I currently hold. Nancy and I are fortunate to have 12 grandchildren ranging in age from 18 years to 9 months. Maybe not so fortunate in also having a wild Australian Shepherd who can be found by picture in the dictionary under the word trouble! I've had a great 50 years and am anxious to get re-acquainted with the class of 62 in August.