

Former Centralia College Athletic Director, Coach George Gablehouse Dies

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Former Centralia College Coach Honored

George Gablehouse speaks at a dedication of the entryway to Centralia College's Health and Wellness Center in his name to recognize the years of service Gablehouse provided to the college as a coach and athletic director.

George Gablehouse, a longtime athletic director and coach at Centralia College, has died.

The Centralia College Foundation announced Gablehouse's death Monday morning. Gablehouse, who recently had been retired and living in Packwood, served as athletic director for the college from 1957 to 1977.

He also served as the coach of the men's baseball team during his tenure as athletic director, leading the Blazers to six state tournaments and winning the championship in 1965. Gablehouse also coached basketball for 16 years and took his teams to five state tournaments.

Gablehouse was a basketball player himself, according to a 2012 article in The Chronicle. He played for Eastern Washington College and was the leading scorer on a team that went 30-4, and also made the Little All-American Team.

Centralia College inducted Gablehouse into its Sports Hall of Fame in 1987 and dedicated the entryway to the Michael Smith Gymnasium in his honor in 2012.

According to the Centralia College Foundation, Gablehouse was known to attend the Sports Hall of Fame luncheon each spring, and had a hand in selecting each recipient of the college's highest athletic honor.

Services for Gablehouse have not yet been announced.