

## Ex-Jefferson football coach Ted Lawrence dies

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THOMPSONVILLE, Ill. -- Former Cedar Rapids Jefferson football coach Ted Lawrence died last Thursday at his home in Thompsonville, Ill.

He was 86.

It was the second death in December for the Lawrence family. Larry Lawrence, Ted's son and a star athlete at Jefferson in the 1960s, died Dec. 4 at age 63.

Ted Lawrence coached high school football for 16 years, including a highly successful stint at Jefferson. He led the J-Hawks to state titles in 1964 and 1965 and won three Mississippi Valley Conference titles.

His overall coaching record at Wilton Junction, Anamosa, Jefferson and Geneseo, Ill., was 101-33-6. He served as the first president of the Iowa Football Coaches Association and was inducted into the Iowa Wesleyan College Hall of Fame.

Lawrence left Jefferson after the 1965 season to become an assistant football coach at the University of Iowa. He left coaching in 1969 to work for the Westinghouse Learning Corp. and in 1982 formed a graphics and sign company with his wife, Shirley, who died in 2007. They were married for 59 years.

Lawrence served in the Naval Aviation Division in World War II. He graduated in 1950 from Iowa Wesleyan, where he was a four-year letterwinner in football and a two-year letterwinner in baseball and basketball. He held master's degrees in science and education from Southern Illinois University.

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A memorial celebrating the lives of Ted Lawrence and Larry Lawrence will be held Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Leffler-Poulson Funeral Home in Benton, Ill.

To sign the online memorial guest register book, visit [www.lpfuneralhome.com](http://www.lpfuneralhome.com) .