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Michael “Mo” Scarry, 92, passed away September 9, 2012. He was born February 1, 1920 in Duquesne Pennsylvania to the late Michael and Mary Scarry. In addition to his parents, Mo was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Libby Scarry, brother Jack, daughters, Sally and Patricia and son John. Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Michael Scarry of Fort Myers, Tom Scarry and his wife Laurel of Herndon, Virginia, Jim Scarry and his wife Ann of Montrose, Colorado and Dennis Scarry and his wife Jennifer of Tallahassee, Florida; daughter, Maggie Scarry of Pensacola, Florida; sisters, Sally Ringbloom and Mary Catherine Scarry both of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Michael, Brian, K, Brad and Kyle; and a great-granddaughter, Ireland Rain. Mo moved to Lee County in 1994 from Miami where he was a member of the Church of the Resurrection. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and a Life Member of the American Football Coaches Association. He was also the last surviving player of the original Cleveland Browns. He was a two-sport athlete (football and basketball) at Waynesburg College. While at Waynesburg he played in the first televised college football game, Waynesburg vs. Fordham on September 30, 1939. His college career was interrupted after two and one half years when he was drafted into the Army during WWII. After his discharge he signed as a free agent with the NFL’s Cleveland Rams. He played center and linebacker earning second team All Pro honors in the 1945 season, which concluded with the Rams winning the NFL Championship. When the Rams moved to Los Angeles, Mo remained in Cleveland and became an original Cleveland Brown. He has the distinction of being the only man to captain the winning team in the championship game in different leagues in consecutive years. Mo began his coaching career at Western Reserve (Cleveland, Ohio) heading the football and basketball teams from 1946-1950 and then moving on to coach football at Santa Clara College (California) for two years. When



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Santa Clara dropped football, Scarry went to Loras College (Dubuque, Iowa) as Head Coach. After one year, he moved to a job as line coach at Washington State University (Pullman). In 1956, Scarry moved to the University of Cincinnati as the defensive line coach. Mo accepted an offer to coach at Waynesburg College in 1963 serving as Athletic Director, head football coach, and head basketball coach. Scarry moved to the NFL joining the Washington Redskins in 1966 as defensive line coach. He scouted for the San Francisco 49ers in 1969. He joined the Miami Dolphins in 1970 as defensive line coach. Scarry spent 16 years with the Dolphins before retiring in 1986. Scarry was honored for his playing and coaching careers by induction into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1964, the Western Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in 1975 and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1979. The VIP seating at the Waynesburg College football stadium is named The Mo Scarry Skybox. There will be a visitation on Friday, September 14th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida 33907. 239-936-0555. Funeral Mass will be at Church of the Resurrection, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33919 on Saturday, September 15th at 9:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Waynesburg University, 51 West College Street, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania 15370. Condolences may be left online at www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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WO

Woumourdymido posted:

It can be almost customary being dressed up in same jerseys as worn from your favorite teams Every football fanatics would delight in having their h s in spite of cheap jerseys from China They are cheap yet made with quality Not the high-tech mobile phone but certainly not very limited characteristics like what you will find in cheap mobile phones Fantasy Football is New Popular Sport to Play Imagination football gets popular everyday; it is usually a game often hinges on doing superior research

December 10 at 3:37 PM

BB

Bill Barnett posted:

Coach Mo had a tremendous impact on me and my family. He was a great role model for me, as a football player, as a coach and as a husband and father. With Mo, you always got more than was required. He taught me more about life than football, and he taught me a great deal about how to play football. I was very fortunate to have have known him as a coach and as role model. Mo was a second father to so many of us who played for him. And I believe he loved us much like his sons. You will be missed, my friend. We need more Mo Scarry's on this earth.

September 27 at 2:14 PM

TH

Tim Hutter posted:

Mo helped many of us mature from boys to men. He WAS the reason I went to Waynesburg College. To me, he wasn't just my coach, he was a father figure. He was a no nonsense man, but he had a softer side once you got to know him. He could sternly reprimand you, but you knew it was because he cared about you as a person. Because of him, I learned respect and gained confidence in my own abilities. HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

September 14 at 7:53 PM

HK

Howard Kindig posted:

SO VERY SORRY ABOUT "COACH MO". HE WAS ONE OF THE FINEST, MOST CARING COACHES THAT I HAD IN MY CAREER. HE NEVER NEEDED ANYONE TO PAT HIM ON THE BACK....HE JUST DID HIS JOB. I'M A BETTER MAN FOR HAVING KNOWN "MO". YOU AND YOU FAMILY ARE IN MY HEART, MIND AND PRAYERS.

September 13 at 10:17 AM



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BG

Bob Griese posted:

Mo was one of only 6 assistant coaches on Coach Shula's staff in the early 1970's.....he was well liked by everybody on the team.....I got to know Mo much better after my playing days were over....always a smile and a kind word and always wanting to know " how's the family "...Mo was a good man and a good friend

September 13 at 9:25 AM

ST

Sheila And Dennis Taridona posted:

We are so sorry to learn of "Uncle Mo's" passing. He was a great man and will be missed.

September 13 at 6:02 AM

GB

Glenn Blackwood posted:

My condolences to the Scarry family on your loss. Coach Scarry was a fine man, a great coach and a man of integrity. Although I didn't play on the D-line, I was a defensive player who observed Coach Scarry's work with his players on the D-line. He was greatly respected by the men he coached, which is a great testament to his character as well as the care he had for his players. He was one of the good guys and will be missed. With warmest regards and sympathy for your family, Glenn A. Blackwood

September 12 at 2:36 PM

JW

John F Wiley li posted:

Almighty Father, hear our prayers for Your son Mo who You have called from this life to Yourself. Grant him light, happiness, and peace. Let him pass in safety through the gates of death, and live forever with his dear Libby and all Your saints in the light You have promised. Guard him from all harm and on that great day of resurrection – raise him up with all Your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord – In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

————— Outside of my mother, my dad counted Mo as his best friend on planet earth. He respected and love him for the exceptional husband, father, friend, coach and mentor that he was for so many of us. Your father was an extraordinary individual – in ways too many to count. If my dad could travel, I would have my him there with you all this weekend – but unfortunately that is not possible these days. You all are in the thoughts and prayers of the entire Wiley family this week. John & Helen Wiley, John & Karen Wiley and family, Dave & Bonnie Graft and family and Alan & Lynda Wiley and family

September 12 at 1:25 PM



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DD

Dan Dvorchak posted:

Whatever success I have had in life I owe to Mo. He not only gave me an opportunity to join his Waynesburg football team but his guidance, support and encouragement carried me through the last 45 years. He will be remembered as a kind and caring man, despite the tough, demanding exterior he projected. Lookout Heaven, Mo's on the way.

September 12 at 12:55 PM

HT

Harry Theofileides posted:

I first met "Mo" in 1963 when he became our football coach at Waynesburg College. What a blessing in disguise. Not only did he developed us into a good football team and better football players, but made all of better human beings. The Scarry children should be proud that their father has made such an impact on so many lives. I know he did on mine.

September 12 at 10:21 AM

SD

Susie Taseff Demuth posted:

What a wonderful man: his wonderful laugh, his wonderful stories, his wonderful heart. The entire Scarry Family is in my heart and prayers.

September 11 at 7:26 PM

CM

Carl Mauck posted:

The Mike Scarry Family, Mike was a great person and coach !! I only spent 1 year with the Dolphins but 34 years playing and coaching in the Nfl. I went to mass with him many times. He was the same age as my dad and a WW2 veteran. He fought for our freedom. We as Americans will miss his kind. He always had a smile on his face. May he rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to his family. Carl Mauck

September 11 at 5:38 PM

LT

Lucille Taseff posted:

My heart is with Mo's family, I do know he will be going up to a lot of coaches he loved and they loved him. I have the best memories of good swith both Libby and Mo. He will be missed . Always Lucy Taseff

September 11 at 5:34 PM



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LM

Leeann And Marc Meltzer posted:

Mikey, So sorry to hear about your father's passing. What a wonderful life he had! Every year I say "on the 8th day God created football". Now he has a wonderful and gifted man to watch the games with! We hope you are doing well and your family will look upon your dad's life with a smile on your faces!

September 11 at 4:38 PM

DS

Donald Spence posted:

Mo came to my home in Irwin, Pa in '64 and talked me into Waynesburg College. I was a little intimidated by him my first year at school until one day I accidentally called him "Mo" to his face . He hesitated a second and then broke out in a rather large mischeveous grin and said "That's Coach to you!" I relaxed and have admired the man ever since. All our love and sympathy from my family to yours. Don Spence

September 11 at 2:19 PM

JJ

Jim Jensen posted:

Mo will always be a father figure to me. He had nothing but really nice things to say to me as a player and a person. Always a smile. Rest in Peace Mo. You will be missed and my condolences to the family.

September 11 at 12:52 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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