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Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame,

I am nominating my father, Maurice J. Brotzge, for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

My Dad played football for St. Xavier High School in 1944, earning a scholarship to Xavier University where he continued playing for a year. His football career was interrupted by his volunteering for WWII. He served as a marine and fought in the battle on Iwo Jima. After his service, he graduated from the University of Louisville and went on to begin his coaching career. He first started coaching at Flaget High School. At Flaget he coach Paul Horning and Howard Schnellenberger. He also coached baseball. He retired from Flaget in 1957.

Later he coached at Trinity High School. He also started the football program at Holy Spirit in 1961, and coached the Louisville Raiders. However, he wasn't just involved in coaching and playing. Throughout his coaching career, he also officiated football and basketball. He did this until 1992 when he was inducted into the KFOA Hall of Fame. From 1967-68 he was President of the Quarterback Club as well as President of the Sportsman Supper Club in 1987.

He has coached with Paulie Miller, Jim Miller, Karl Schmidt, Ron Holzknacht, Jim Kennedy, Dave Moore, and Jeep Quire. Whenever we go to a sporting event the number of people the come up and say something to him is unbelievable. He gets "Hey Coach!" and "Good to see you Coach!" on a regular basis. After they shake hands and exchange a few words and warm smiles, my Dad looks at me and says "I don't have a clue who that was."

At 86 years old there is nothing that would mean more to him than this honor. He may not have been the greatest athlete or most famous coach, but I can't believe there is anyone who has touched more lives than this man. He truly has dedicated his entire life to coaching and officiating in the Louisville area. I can't believe there is anyone who has touched more lives or had more a profound impact on so many young athletes than this man.

Thank you for your consideration,

Martha Weinert