



## Robin "Rob" Lee Hicklin

September 1, 2006

Robin "Rob" Lee Hicklin, 69, of Gravois Mills, died Friday, September 1, 2006 at Freeman Health System West in Joplin, Mo., following a brief illness. He was born August 6, 1937, in Nelson, Mo., to Lee and Louvica Hicklin. He married Maryln Lee Randall on August 8, 1959, in Sappington, Mo.

He graduated from East High School in Kansas City in 1955. He earned his bachelor's degree from Missouri Valley College in Marshall, a master's degree from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg and an education specialist degree from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He was a football coach and teacher in Lexington, Mo. (1959-1962) and in Kansas City, Mo. at Ruskin High School (1962-1964); head coach in Belton, Mo. (1964-1969); defensive coordinator at William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa (1969-1974); head coach at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph (1974-1985); head coach at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia (1985-1991); elementary principal in Caruthersville, Mo. (1991-1997); and middle school principal in Charleston, Mo. (1997-2002)

After his retirement to the Lake of the Ozarks in 2002, he continued to scout for the Canadian Football League and teach GED classes. He received "Coach of the Year" awards three times, coached several nationally ranked teams and led his teams to several bowl championships. He was named to the Missouri Western State University Hall of Fame in 2002.

In addition to spending time with his family, he enjoyed building projects and woodworking. He also was an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. He was a member of the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie, Mo.

In addition to his wife, Maryln, survivors include; one son, Robin Hicklin and wife, Cherona, of Carthage; three daughters, Tracie Skaggs and husband Derek, of Carl Junction, Shelly Perez and husband, Alex, of Henley, and LeeAnn Halliburton and husband, Robert, of Fort Smith, Ark; one brother, Walter Hicklin and wife, Lynn, of Warrensburg; six grandchildren, Hillary Perez, Lanie Skaggs, Nathan Skaggs, Katie Skaggs, Hadley Hicklin, and Carson Hicklin, and many nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service will be held at Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie, Mo. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 6, at Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church on Highway 5 in Laurie. A celebration of life will follow in the fellowship hall at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Rob Hicklin Western Football Memorial Scholarship Fund, Missouri Western State University Foundation, Spratt 111, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507, or the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund, 305 N. Main St., P.O. Box 1096, Laurie, MO 65038. To send sympathy emails for the family visit [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.