

Gene Flippin

The OADA honors Gene Flippin as a distinguished Athletic Director and a 2018 Inductee to the OADA Hall of Fame. Gene passed on March 4, 2004. Prior to his death Gene lived on Portland, Oregon. Gene began his athletic career in Hood River, Oregon. Four years later, 1961,

Gene and his wife June moved to Portland, Oregon where he began a long career at Cleveland High School. Gene was a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Cleveland. Gene, a football coach, became Athletic Director in 1978 for Cleveland High School. Gene was very active in the PIL, serving as president. He was also active with the State Football Coaches Association. 1993 marked fifteen years as an AD, a member of the OADA, and the NIAAA. his accomplishments both to and in athletics.

He was a ground breaker in the area of athletic administration since there were not many athletic directors when he began. In 1985 and 1986 he was honored as PIL Ad of the year, in 1985 the OADA honored his as 4A AD of the year. As a player Lewis and Clark honored him in their Hall of Fame where he was Little All-American and Al Conference running back in his playing days. He is also in the Cleveland Hall of Fame. Gene was a credit to our association and a ground breaker in athletic administration. It is with great pleasure that we have the opportunity to honor his name with induction into our Hall of Fame. We thank him, his wife June, and his family for their support in his service to the athletes, the schools, the communities, and the State of Oregon. You have made our profession Proud. Awarded posthumously