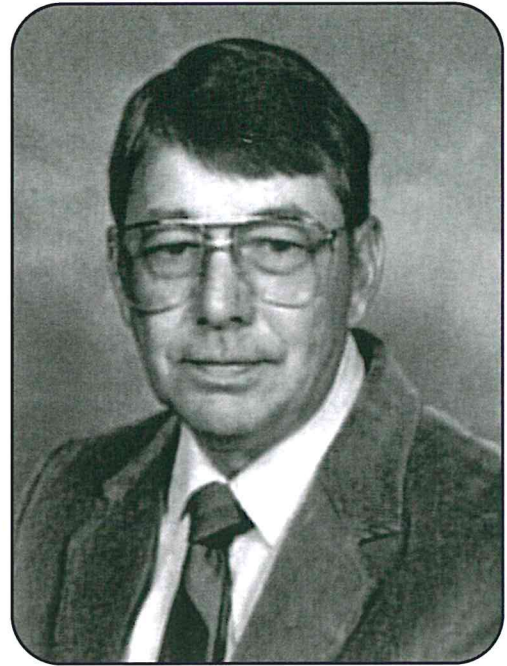


# BILL MARKS

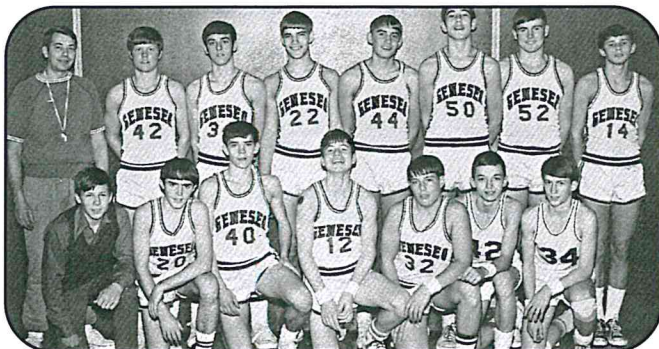
## Coach 1959 - 1992

Ever-humble and always available to his students and athletes, Coach Bill Marks enters the GHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame as part of the fraternity of coaches who made it a career to educate in the Geneseo school district. In 1959, the Western Illinois University graduate immediately joined the GHS team as assistant coach in football, basketball and track. That first step was a giant one that would last through the 1991-1992 school year. Marks was a key component as assistant to some amazing football teams spanning the 60s, 70s, 80s, and into the early 90s. Marks was inducted into the Illinois Football Coaches Association Hall-of-Fame in 1994. A true friend of GHS athletics, Marks volunteered as GHS girls basketball assistant under legendary football coach Bob Reade. Reade credited Marks as a big reason why the Lady Leafs put together a tremendous 13 - 6 record in 1978 when the program was in its early stages.



(Front row) Coach Paulson, B. Behnkendorf, T. Jackson, J. Straight, C. Lowe, G. Miller, J. Goetz, D. Cowan, Coach Kanke. (2nd) C. Carroll, P. Biggers, K. Burgoon, M. Coleman, R. Griffith, J. Roberts, B. Wolf, T. Walters. (3rd) Coach

Marks, C. Ellington (manager), L. Pittenger, D. Zanton, B. Bassier, H. Harmon, B. Leslie, C. Grader, B. Timmerman (4th) T. Versluys, S. Rieker, C. Fisher, J. Reed, D. Dow, T. Schelsky, J. Wactel



Row 2 - Coach Marks, B. Martins, J. Yeagle, R. Brutsche, A. Reschke, M. Hinrichsen, W. Anderson, R. Granel; Row 1 - S. Spanton, Manager, L. Gillespie, C. Frederick, D. Andrews, B. Thies, D. Schweninger, G. Feldman

The sophomore basketball squad steadily improved throughout the season under Coach Marks. The highlight of their season was an overtime victory over a fine Dixon squad. Although winning only three games, they showed the desire to improve and became fine varsity players.

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*In Recognition of the Effort, Dedication and Hard Work  
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