

Bob McDonald *“Leaving a Lasting Legacy”* Honor

In 2023, DAYBA established the “Bob McDonald Leaving a Lasting Legacy” Honor. “A legacy reflects a belief that life is to be lived for a higher cause than self-interest.” The history of the McDonald’s and their love of basketball is still being written and is nowhere near being over. As a family and on a personal level, they all have a passion for basketball that is embedded in the fabric of their family.



Bob McDonald with his six children - Judy, Paul, Tom, Mike, Joel, and Sue

Bob McDonald left a lasting legacy with all of his athletes and the people he touched along the way. As a history teacher and basketball coach at Chisholm High School, Bob McDonald developed an appreciation for the history of the program. The history of the McDonalds and their love of basketball is still being written and is nowhere near being over. As a family and on a personal level, they all have a love for basketball that is embedded in the fabric of their family. They have made lasting relationships with countless people and impacted so many different lives. None of the McDonald children or grandchildren got into coaching because they felt pressured to follow in his footsteps. It was his passion for the game mixed with their own love for basketball that drew them back in after their playing days were over. “You go into coaching because you like what the game did for you,” Joel said, “and you like the relationships you were able to establish because of it and you want to keep that, build on that, and help instill that in everybody you coach.”



High school basketball coaches do far more than draw up plays; they serve as pivotal mentors who shape the character and future of young athletes during their most formative years. By demanding discipline, punctuality, and a strong work ethic, these coaches instill life skills that extend well beyond the court, teaching players how to navigate adversity and collaborate within a team structure. They often act as a secondary support system, providing guidance on academic eligibility and personal growth, while fostering a sense of community and school spirit. Ultimately, a dedicated coach doesn't just build a winning program—they build resilient, responsible individuals prepared for the challenges of adulthood.