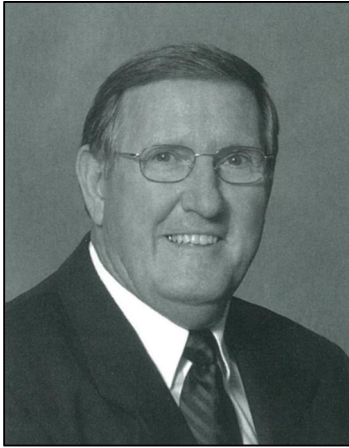


Bill Young – 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee



In an illustrious career that spanned forty-four years, Young touched literally thousands of young lives as a teacher, coach, administrator and, for the final eighteen years of his career, as IHSAA Executive Director. His career began in 1962 at Middleton where he taught and coached track, football, and wrestling. He spent one year in California, came back to Middleton and then moved to Vallivue High School in 1969. At Vallivue he taught, was head football coach, and served as athletic director, assistant principal, and principal. In 1988 Young became IHSAA Executive Director, a position he held until retiring in 2006.

Young's career was filled with "firsts". At Vallivue, his football team won the school's first state championship in 1979 and, as principal, he instituted the first parent-teacher conferences. As IHSAA Executive Director, he oversaw the establishment of several recognition programs, including the Interscholastic Star scholarship program, Academic State Champions, Schools of Excellence initiative, and Legends of the Game program honoring great teams of the past.