

JOSEPH D. CODIANO

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Joseph D. Codiano, a 1948 OHS graduate, was a football player for OHS and linebacker at Miami of Ohio for three years.

In high school, the Orrville native lettered three years in football, three years in basketball and two years in baseball in the late 1940s.

He was named to All-Conference teams in 1945, 1946 and 1947. His freshman and sophomore years he played for Marshall McCuen. His junior and senior years he played for William "Chub" Coyer.

After graduating from OHS, Codiano attended Miami University at Oxford, where he lettered three years in football. In his senior year, he was voted most efficient defensive back.

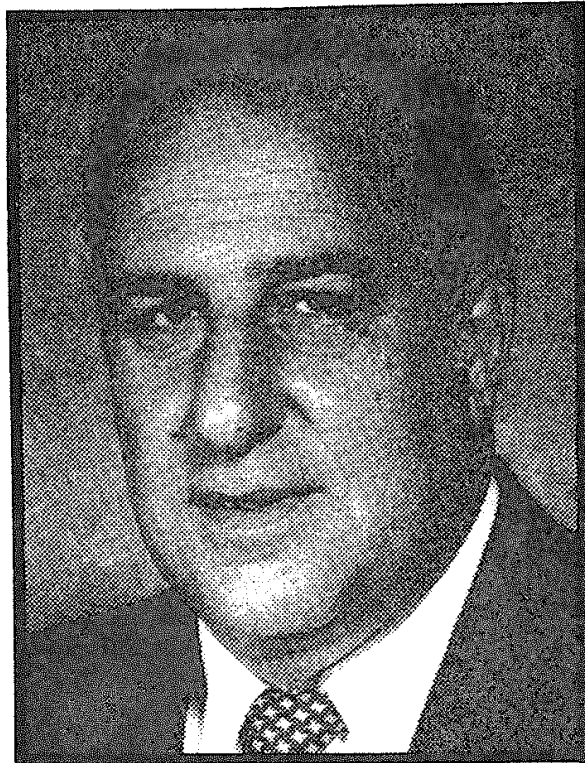
At Miami, Codiano played for two well-known coaches, Woody Hayes and Ara Parseghian. Codiano played with many other well-known professional and college coaches.

In 1952, after graduating from Miami, he entered the Army and played football at Fort Eustis, Va., on a team that included seven All-Americans. He later was sent to Korea.

In 1954, he returned to Miami to do graduate work, eventually earning a master's degree from Ball State University in 1976. He married in 1955 and moved to Brookville, Ind., where he assumed the duties of head coach at Brookville High School.

Codiano's first three years at Brookville were a disaster. His teams won 5 and lost 18. In 1958, his team got on the winning track and he had only four losing seasons after that.

His 1964 and 1965 non-conference teams were undefeated and had a 21-game winning streak. He coached several conference champs and was selected coach of the year seven



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times. His coaching record at Brookville High School was 142-80-4.

In 1979, the Brookville Booster Club had a banquet celebrating Codiano's silver anniversary as the Brookville High School coach. His former college coach, Woody Hayes, made a surprise appearance and many of his old friends and former players were on hand to celebrate with him.

In January 1980, Codiano announced his retirement as head football coach and that July he was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

He continued teaching until his retirement in the spring of 1988 and that fall he was presented with a "Sagamore of the Wabash" award from the governor of Indiana.

Codiano and his wife, Dorathea, live at 9108 Whitewater Drive, Brookville, Ind. 47012. They have four daughters, Becky, a graduate of Indiana University; Karen, a graduate of Miami University; and Rachel and Julie, both graduates of Ball State University.