



Longtime leader and Master Official of our Association, Sonny Maynard passed this the morning of 23 April his children Don and Andrea by his side. He was four months shy of his 94th birthday, and passed comfortably and pain free.

From Sonny's son Don and daughter-in-law Andrea:

The family is so appreciative of his many friends in the T&F community who visited, sent words of encouragement or simply kept him in their thoughts during his illness. Rest assured his family read to him every card and email he received.

His friendship with the officials, timers, announcers, volunteers and staff, as well as his pure love of the events sustained his being after his wife and fellow official Lori Maynard passed in 2007.

He lived in a beautiful environment with loving caregivers and a Hospice team that has been as good for his family as it was for him.

At Sonny's request there will not be a funeral, but a celebration of life may be planned at a later date.

Thank each of you again for the years of friendship you gave our Dad and the blessings you provided him.

Peace, Don and Andrea

From Sonny's 2007 Pacific Association Hall of Fame Induction:

Born 8/11/1928

First Certified Jan. 1986; Years Officiating 40+

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Meets Worked: Three Olympic Trials: 1988,1992,2000
- Seven USATF Open National Championships: 1987,1993, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2002,2003
- USATF Youth National Championships: 1995 JO
- NCAA National Championships: 2005
- Six Bruce Jenner Invitationals
- Five Modesto Relays

OFFICES HELD (OLYMPIC, USOC, AAU, TAC, USATF, NCAA, ETC.)

- Vice President Pacific Association
- Vice Chair PA Officials Committee

AWARDS RECEIVED

- Association Hall of Fame inductee 2007; Pacific Association Meritorious Service Award; Dick Barbour Award in 2003; and the first Horace Crow Award for 1995
- Recognized by Stanford for 25 years of service as Head Field Judge and Field Officials Coordinator in 2007.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sonny began his relationship with Track & Field while competing in the Pole Vault in High School on the old bamboo pole. He jumped around 12 feet which was very good in those days for high school and Junior College. He attended meets at Berkeley in the 60's and 70's as a spectator. In the 70's he did some coaching with the "Woodside Striders".

As a career Sonny taught 7th & 8th grade Science in the local public schools. Since he was an accomplished swimmer he taught swimming to kids during his summer breaks. He got re-involved in local track meets when his wife began to compete as a Master race walker in the 70s.

Sonny has worked mostly local meets. He has had opportunities to work others but true to his nature, he supported others rather than doing them himself. He worked as a race official and volunteer. He first became nationally certified in 1987 although he had already been officiating for a number years at what is now the association level. Sonny can and does work all the field events but most often the throws. He fills in where needed and is always present when there is a nearby combined events competition. His low key and friendly spirit has endeared him to all the officials. Sonny has been the long time field officials' coordinator for Stanford meets since the early 80's where he was mentored by the then Stanford head coach, Brooks Johnson. Sonny was also the Officials Coordinator for the National JOs in 1995 in San Jose.

Sonny's commitment to track and field is not limited to Stanford. He also officiates at meets throughout the Bay Area and up to Sacramento, and at all levels of competition.

After years as a certified official, Sonny volunteered his time at the 1984 Olympics. As the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta approached, Sonny withheld applying for an officiating assignment so that Lori would be assured selection as an official. (He later learned that he would have been selected along with her as an official).

Sonny has given countless hours to the Stanford Track and Field program as the field officials' coordinator. Sonny's work ethic has been a vital part of the Stanford Track and Field home meets success. His ongoing contributions for the past 25 years have been solely from the goodness of his heart, expecting nothing in return. He embodies the meaning of a true volunteer.

Sonny is an inspiration to us all. He has been a mainstay of the Stanford Track and Field meets and the Stanford Cross Country meets. There is never a cross word on the field when he has been in charge, but as he would say, "Don't go there."

Sonny is a remarkable man, and we have all been blessed by his dedication and commitment to our sport.