



Gary G. Glick

May 14, 1930 - February 11, 2015

Gary Glick, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1956 NFL draft passed away on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in his hometown of Fort Collins at the age of 84; his family confirmed the news on Thursday.

Glick was born in Grant, Nebraska on May 14, 1930 and moved to Lakewood, Colorado when he was a small boy. The family later settled in LaPorte, Colorado where he was an outstanding three-sport letterman at Cache La Poudre High School. Following his 1948 graduation from Cache La Poudre, Glick entered the Navy where he played football, basketball and softball. He was a member of the 1950 All-Navy team and named the Navy Athlete of the year in 1951.

Upon his return from the Navy, Glick married his high school sweetheart, Colleen Mitchell, in 1951 and rather than leave his hometown of LaPorte, despite numerous offers from other colleges, he decided to attend Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University) in nearby Fort Collins where his brothers, Ivan, Leon, and Fred also attended. All four boys lettered in football at CSU with Gary and Fred going on to play in the NFL.

Glick played varsity football for the Aggies from 1953 to 1955, and racked up several honors as a halfback, kicker, linebacker, end and quarterback. In 1954 he was named the Associated Press Back of the Week following a

monumental performance against Utah on Nov. 6. At the end of the 1955 season he earned Associated Press second-team All-America honors and academic All-America.

In 1954, he led the nation in interceptions with eight, which remains a school record, and in 1955 led the nation in kicking percentage. He was named to the 1955 Blue-Gray team, Hula Bowl and Chicago All-Stars following the 1955 conference championship season for Colorado A&M.

Glick was chosen by the Pittsburgh Steelers as the No. 1 overall draft pick in 1956, and remains the only player in Colorado State University history as the overall first pick in the NFL draft. He played for Pittsburgh (1956 to 1959), Washington Redskins (1959 to 1960) and Baltimore Colts (1961). In 1962, he coached the defensive backfield for the Denver Broncos, and in 1963 returned to play for the San Diego Chargers AFL Championship team.

He retired as a player in 1964, and returned to coaching football in 1965 as the head coach of the Norfolk Neptunes of the Continental Football League from 1965-67 and '69. During this time, Glick earned coach of the year honors in 1967 and '69. Glick led the Neptunes to a 38-18 record in five seasons.

In 1968, he went to the Canadian Football League as the offensive coordinator of the Montreal Allouettes, and ended his coaching career with the University of Arizona as offensive coordinator in 1972. Glick then became a scout for Baltimore, New England and in the Canadian Football League, retiring in 1985.

In 1988, Glick was named to the inaugural class of the Colorado State University Sports Hall of Fame, and in 1992 was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the CSU All-Century team, and played on the World Champion 1995 and 2006, '08, and '09 Senior

Softball Teams.

Glick was heavily involved with Easter Seals of Colorado and was a member of the NFL Alumni Chapter of Denver and past vice-president of the charity golf tournament.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Colleen; daughter, Carol (Barry) Wells of Greeley; sons, Ron (Lela) of Fort Collins and Denny (Tammi) of Laporte; his eight grandkids: Angie (Jed) Stugart, Jared (Dayna) Glick, Jami (Matt) Bailey, Brian (Amanda) Wells, Josh (Megan) Glick, Zachary (Jennifer) Glick, Garrett and Brandt Glick; and 13 great-grandkids: Gunner, Gracie, Dawson, Addilyn, Kaedence, Alexis, Huston, Shyan, Kodi, Presley, Reyah, Johnny, Zander.

Gary's all-time favorite quote that he truly lived by; "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

A public open-house style celebration of life from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, in the Legends Room at the Fort Collins Hilton, 425 W. Prospect Road.

People are welcome to attend for as little or long as they choose.

Contributions may be made to Easter Seals or Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Open House

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Hilton Fort Collins
425 West Prospect Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall

CN

“ We were sad to hear Gary had passed away. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Cliff and Missy.

Cliff Bosky and Missy North - February 22, 2015 at 02:01 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary G. Glick.



February 19, 2015 at 06:07 PM

JU

“ We saw the obituary in the Greeley paper and I remember Gary's name. He played on the same Colo A & M football team as my brother, Kirk Hinderlider. I just looked at Kirk's yearbook that I have and saw Gary's photo. Although we never met Gary, we do know some of his team mates. We are sorry for your loss. Kirk passed in 1972 and it seems like yesterday. Our prayers are with your family. June and Rod Ulrich, LaSalle, CO

June Ulrich - February 18, 2015 at 03:01 PM

RJ

“ Colleen and family, we were so sorry to hear about Gary. He was larger than life and a good friend. He will be missed by many. We are in Scottsdale, AZ so we won't be there for the memorial. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Fondly, Ren and Sharon Jensen

Ren and Sharon Jensen - February 18, 2015 at 01:48 PM

DD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, my God help through this difficult time. He was a great man, husband father and grandfather and will be greatly missed.
Donny and Janice

Donald DeGroot - February 16, 2015 at 01:25 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. He was a very nice man. Larry & Joan Willford

Joan Willford - February 16, 2015 at 09:40 AM

JM

“ Sorry to hear of Coach Glick's passing. It was a blessing to be part of the Neptune families under the leadership and inspiration of Coach Glick. He was loved by all. I pray that you will find strength and peace in your faith and comfort to know how we were blessed by him. He was fortunate to have you by his side always. Deepest sympathy, Judy Morgan-Joy and J.T. Joy

Judy Morgan-Joy - February 14, 2015 at 04:31 PM

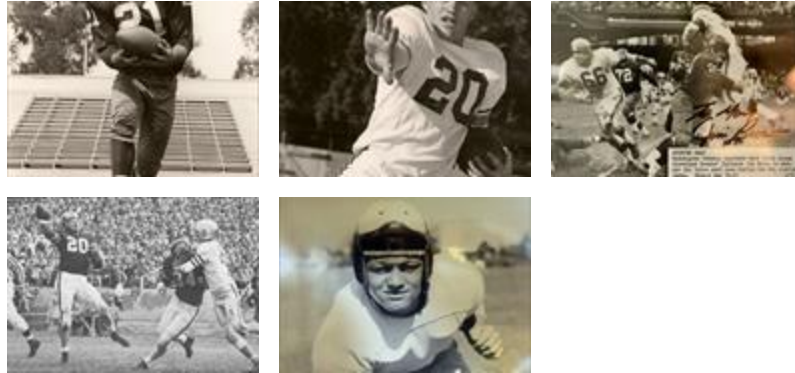
MM

“ Sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I always appreciated his friendship & the opportunity that he gave me. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts & prayers go out to Collen, Carol, Denny & Ronnie. Mike & Barb Martin.

Mike & Barb Martin - February 14, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - February 14, 2015 at 11:18 AM

BS

“ We are so sorry to hear of this. He was a great man. He will be greatly missed by all. Our deepest sympathies to Collen, Carol, Ron, Denny and all of the Glick family. Thoughts and prayers for you all. Bill and Katie Schrader

Bill Schrader - February 14, 2015 at 08:02 AM

DC

“ Gary always made everyone feel special, with his smile and the big hug and a kiss. I will never forget all the fun pool parties. He always made you feel you were his friend forever and you were. He will truly be missed prayers and love to the Glick family. Jim and Dori Carroll

Dori carroll - February 13, 2015 at 08:51 AM