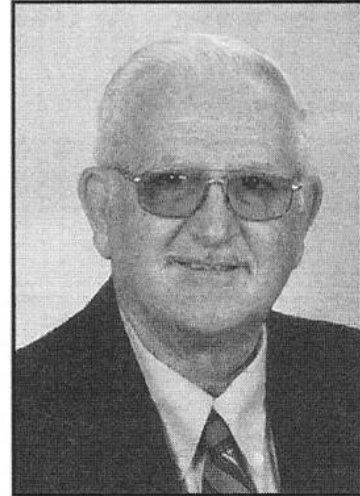


## Wallace D. Jensen

Wallace (Wally) Jensen is a distinguished athlete for the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) and the Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf during the period of 1949–75.

Jensen was born in White, S.D. and reared in Brookings, S.D. He attended SDSD in 1941, graduating in 1953. He was an outstanding player in all sports, especially football. He was the best left-handed quarterback of his time and played for five seasons, including the year he was an eighth-grader. He led SDSD football teams to five winning seasons in a row.



Jensen was a member of the first-ever six-man football team established at SDSD, under coach Roy K. Holcomb in 1949. That team, in its inaugural season, amassed a record of four wins and no losses. His exploits at the quarterback position brought SDSD its only championship in 1953.

Jensen also excelled in basketball and track. He performed with above-average success in any and all sports at SDSD — a natural athlete.

Upon his graduation from SDSD, he lived in Brookings. He drove back and forth to Sioux Falls to participate in basketball and softball at Sioux Falls for Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf (SFAD) for over 18 years.

Then, Jensen moved to Sioux Falls for a job. He continued his physical prowess in softball for 20 years and in basketball for 14 years. He was one of the best fast-pitch softball pitchers in the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf. He won many all-star honors in MAAD tournaments. He was inducted into the MAAD Hall of Fame in 1970.

Besides those sports, Jensen is an avid fisherman. He was the first president of South Dakota Deaf Anglers in 1985 and is still actively involved its program to this day.

Jensen has been retired for 15 years and has a part time job at Hy-Vee. He lives with his wife, Patricia, and their two cats.