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Dear Coaches,

It is with great sadness to inform you that Dan Malloy from Rich Central passed away. I am sure some of you are wondering who Dan was. So I thought I would give you a little perspective of Coach Malloy. Dan was a gymnast at Illinois State University. After graduating in 1965 he started teaching and coaching at Rich Central High School until his retirement in 2001. Dan and I were colleagues in the same department for many years. We taught physical education and driver education together. We were a small but tight-knit department, just six of us. Dan always helped put up equipment each morning and made sure it was locked up at the end of the day. We had Friday lunches together where we shared teaching and coaching stories but we mostly laughed together about something funny at school and Dan always had a funny story to tell.

Not only was Dan a good teacher but he was an outstanding coach. He coached both boys and girls gymnastics but really excelled with his girls teams. Under Dan's guidance, Rich Central came in second place in 1987 and 1989 at the IHSA State Meet. Those two second place finishes were tough losses for Dan. Although his team finished second in 1989, Dan coached Jennifer Redmond to the All-Around title that year. Dan could not have been happier that Jennifer won. In 1990, Dan's team finished in first place at the State Meet with a score of 147.15. It is the one and only state championship trophy at Rich Central.

What always impressed me about Dan was his relationship with his team members. His teams loved him and he loved them. He would write or email team members long after they left high school to check up on them and encourage them at college. It was that unique bond that eludes many coaches but the quality that made him such an outstanding coach and person. Some of you may remember that after retirement, Dan volunteered to work at the scorer's table at the state meet. So that is my friend Dan. It's hard to sum up someone's life in a couple of paragraphs. Suffice it to say he was a husband, father, grandfather, teacher, coach, colleague and friend. He was a quiet man who was a champion.

Dan passed away last Wednesday, April 20 after a year and one month battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Dinah, 2 sons, a daughter and several grandchildren. Remember Dan and his family. I will miss him.

Please pass on this email to your gymnastics friends.

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