

Vic Hughes

Inducted January 30, 2015

Vic and his wife, Rosalie, were both born in Liverpool, England, and met at their church when they were 10 years old. They were active members of the church Youth Club and Badminton team. Vic played football (soccer) for his school, Prince Rupert Margaret Street and was a member of the Liverpool City Boys' Team. At age 16 he was offered an apprenticeship from Everton Football Club, but as an ardent supporter of Liverpool Football Club, he declined, assuming that LFC would offer him an apprenticeship too. Unfortunately, that did not happen!

In 1962 he volunteered as a staff member of the National Boys' Club of the UK.

In February 1978 the family immigrated to Tulsa, to work as a Carpenter/Manager for McDonnell Douglas and Advanced Medical Instruments. He is a proud dad to son Ian and daughter Janette and a proud granddad (Poppa) to his three grandchildren, Ryan, Alyssa, and Keegan.

In 1979 Vic began coaching his daughter Janette's team for the East Tulsa Soccer Club U10's. aptly called 'Vic's Angels'. He coached the Shadow Mountain Chargers Boys U19 team and they won the first Metropolitan Cup. In 1984, when the Premier Club formed as a top tier for Green Country Soccer Association, he became one of the original coaches of Tulsa Sheffield United and coached both Ian's U19 boys' team and Janette's U16 girls' team and in 1985 he took both teams to England to play international tournaments. His Sheffield teams have traveled all over the Southern Region in addition to traveling to California, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

Vic's teams won eight State Championships, coached a Regional Finalist, and have won over 50 league and over 50 tournament championships. Many of his players have made him proud by obtaining college soccer scholarships.

Vic has always emphasized good grades to his players as part of their training and for them to have respect for coaches, officials and other players.

He was an Olympic Development Program coach for Oklahoma from 1984-1992 and coached the first U14 girls Oklahoma Olympic Development team at the Cocoa Expo in Cocoa Beach Florida in 1987. Cocoa Expo was the Region III player and development camp headquarters for the eleven Southern States. Vic served as Vice-President of the Premier Club and is currently the Head coach of Sheffield United.

In 1992, he was named "Oklahoma Girls' Coach of the Year" by OSA and attended the National Workshop in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Vic is well known and highly respected as an individual and coach, not just in Oklahoma but also nationally. Rosalie has supported Vic with all his soccer activities and has been "soccer mom" to many players. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2014.