

Eugene (Gene) George Jupin

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Eugene (Gene) George Jupin, a former Southwest Miami Senior High School football and basketball coach, history teacher and athletic director, passed away in his sleep Sept. 7, 2006 from congestive heart failure. He was 87. Jupin will be remembered for his passionate contribution to education and athletics in the community, as well as for his dedication to his church and his wife Bertie Lou Jupin, to whom he was married for 62 years.

He came to Miami to study at the University of Miami and play football, where he received his Bachelor's degree. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and also received his Masters in Education from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX. Eugene retired from Dade County Schools.

He was known as a force to be reckoned with in the world of local high school sports: In 1959, he led the Southwest boys' basketball team to victory at the Florida High School Athletic Association state championship.