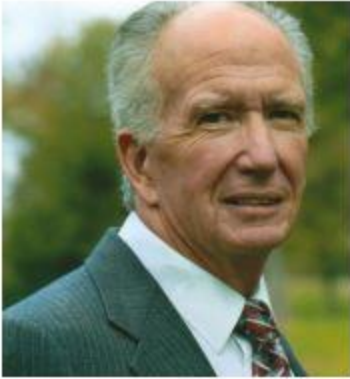


Gary Thompson

Class of 1968

Distinguished Alumni Honoree



Gary Thompson's Princeton career began when he entered Springdale Elementary for sixth grade in 1961. When his class entered the Junior High the following year, Ken Hammel became their counselor, and he remained in that position until their graduation in 1968. To give them a feeling of fellowship, he dubbed them the "Shipmates of 68!" Gary was also on the varsity swim team for four years

After graduation from Miami University in 1972, he was hired by the Princeton City School District to teach Physical Education, as well as to serve as a Community School Coordinator. While working at both of these jobs, he received a Master's Degree in 1974 from Miami University Oxford.

Additionally, he served as the Junior High boys and girls swim teams each from 1972-1985. Furthermore, he was the Varsity Boys Soccer Coach for 19 years, during which time they won six GMC championships, came in second place for six years, won District and Sectional Titles, while finishing third in the Ohio State Championship. He retired from coaching in 1991.

Gary retired from teaching at Springdale in 2000, which means that he started as a student at Springdale Elementary and finished as a teacher at Springdale.

Gary's three children all graduated from Princeton, and he is hoping this will be true for his eight grandchildren.

Gary was on the planning committee for the fiftieth reunion, and he continues to be a support for the Shipmates of 68. He was recently selected as the Grand Marshal for the 2018 Homecoming Parade, and he is currently lending hand to Kelly Lobb Reisen and Mike Lindner to get the Mosaic Murals settled into their new home.

And now this – Distinguished Alumni Award!