

Willard P. “Jinx” Tucker

Torrington



Jinx's teaching and coaching career spanned 29 years from 1975 until his death in 2004. His first coaching experience was at Goshen Hole Jr./Sr. High school in Yoder, Wyoming and lasted from 1975-1979. Those years saw him coach high school Girls' Basketball, high school Girls' and Boys' Track, junior high Girls' Volleyball, and junior high Girls' Basketball. He moved to Torrington, Wyoming in 1979 where he coached at Torrington Middle School for the remainder of his career. His coaching assignments included Volleyball, Girls' and Boy's Basketball, and Girls' and Boys' Track.

His honors and service include:

WCA Coach of the Year (1998)

WCA Board of Director's South JH/MS Representative (2000-2004)

WCA Clinic Speaker (2001)

WCA Membership 29 years

WCA Gold Milestone – Volleyball, Girls' Basketball, Girls' and Boys' Track (2011)

WCA Silver Milestone – Boys' Basketball (2011)

Known as “Papa Jinx” to his athletes and fellow coaches, Jinx's biggest assets were his huge heart and giving attitude. He could always take the young athletes, (no matter how athletically gifted or challenged), and get them to believe in themselves. This “gift” often helped everyone compete at levels they never thought possible. The WCA JH/MS Coach of the Year is named in his honor.