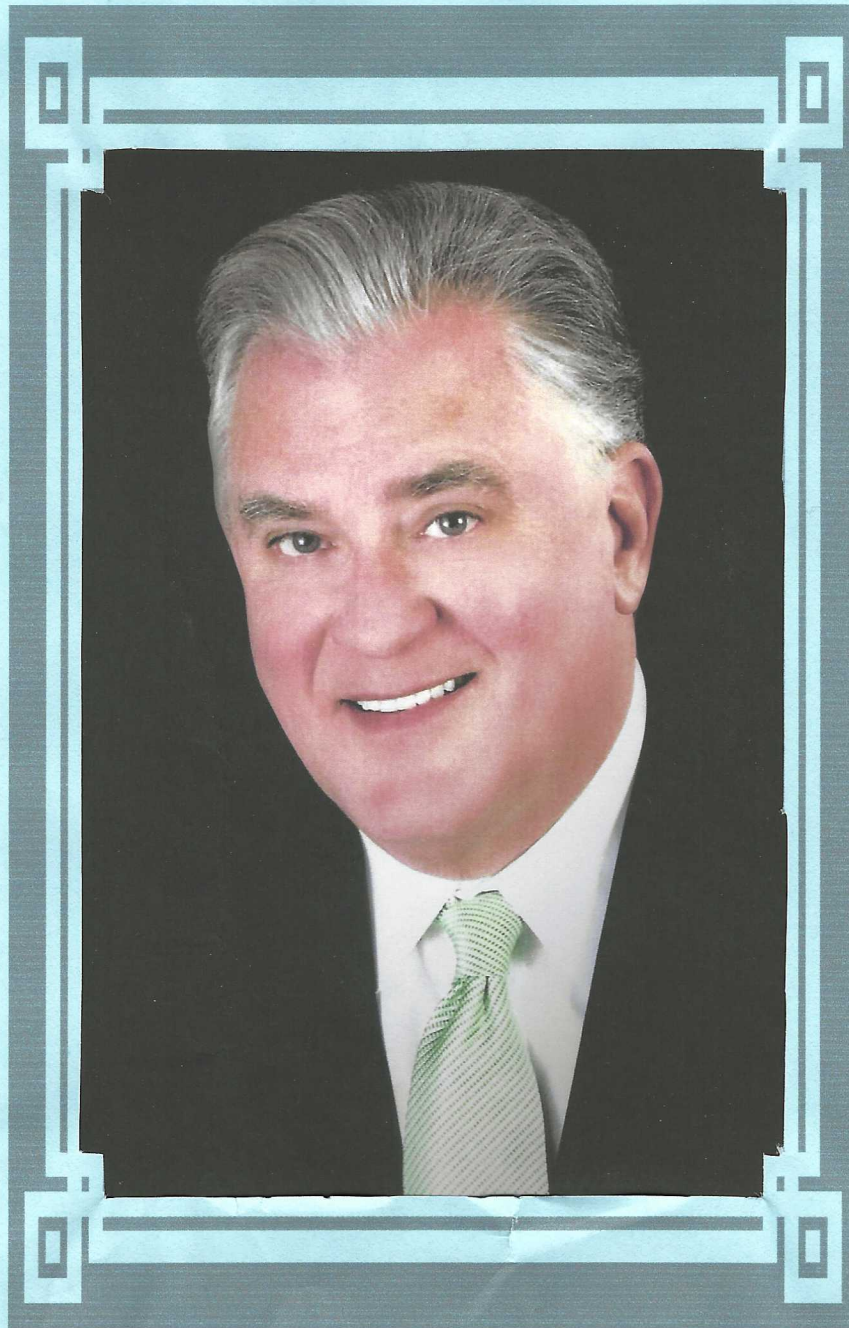




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ROGER M. BEVERAGE

Roger is one of the three sons of Dick and Mary Beverage, both PHS graduates. His mother was a teacher in the Plattsmouth Schools. He graduated from PHS in 1963. While there, he was very active in athletics. In football, he was named Most Valuable Lineman 1962-63, lettered 4 years at various positions, was co-captain during his senior year and received All Conference honors. In basketball, he lettered 3 years, playing center or forward. During those three years he averaged 13 points per game, earning him Most Valuable Player 1962-63. He lettered in track three years for shot-put and discus. Roger was an officer in Letterman's Club.

His music career was also outstanding. He was first chair trumpet throughout high school and NU "All State." Roger was a delegate to Nebraska's first "Governor's Youth Conference."

After high school he attended the University of Nebraska on scholarship. He entered ROTC there and received commission in the US Army on the same day he graduated from law school. His law school career was impressive: Editor-in-Chief of Nebraska Law Review, winner of Allen Moot Court Competition, member of the University's National Moot Court team with Senator Ben Nelson, recipient of the Donald Walters Miller scholarship for Outstanding Law Student, and graduated *With Distinction* in 1970.

Roger spent two years on active duty and six in reserves, attaining the rank of Captain in the US Army. He served as Survivor Assistance Officer, Legal Assistance Officer and in public relations in the office of Judge Advocate General's School at the U of Virginia.

He practiced law and worked for a private firm until 1979 as a trial lawyer and representative of insurance companies and banks. From 1976-78 he served as Chairman of the Young Lawyers Division. Later, he served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Nebraska Continuing Legal Education, Inc. During that time he also did *pro bono* work representing indigent clients.

In 1983, Commonwealth Savings Company, a \$70 Million industrial loan company, failed. Roger acted as Receiver overseeing many unpleasant tasks such as the impeachment of the State Attorney General, the closing of several financial institutions, and recovering as much money as possible for the unfortunate depositors. Governor Bob Kerry asked him to serve as the Director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance in 1984.

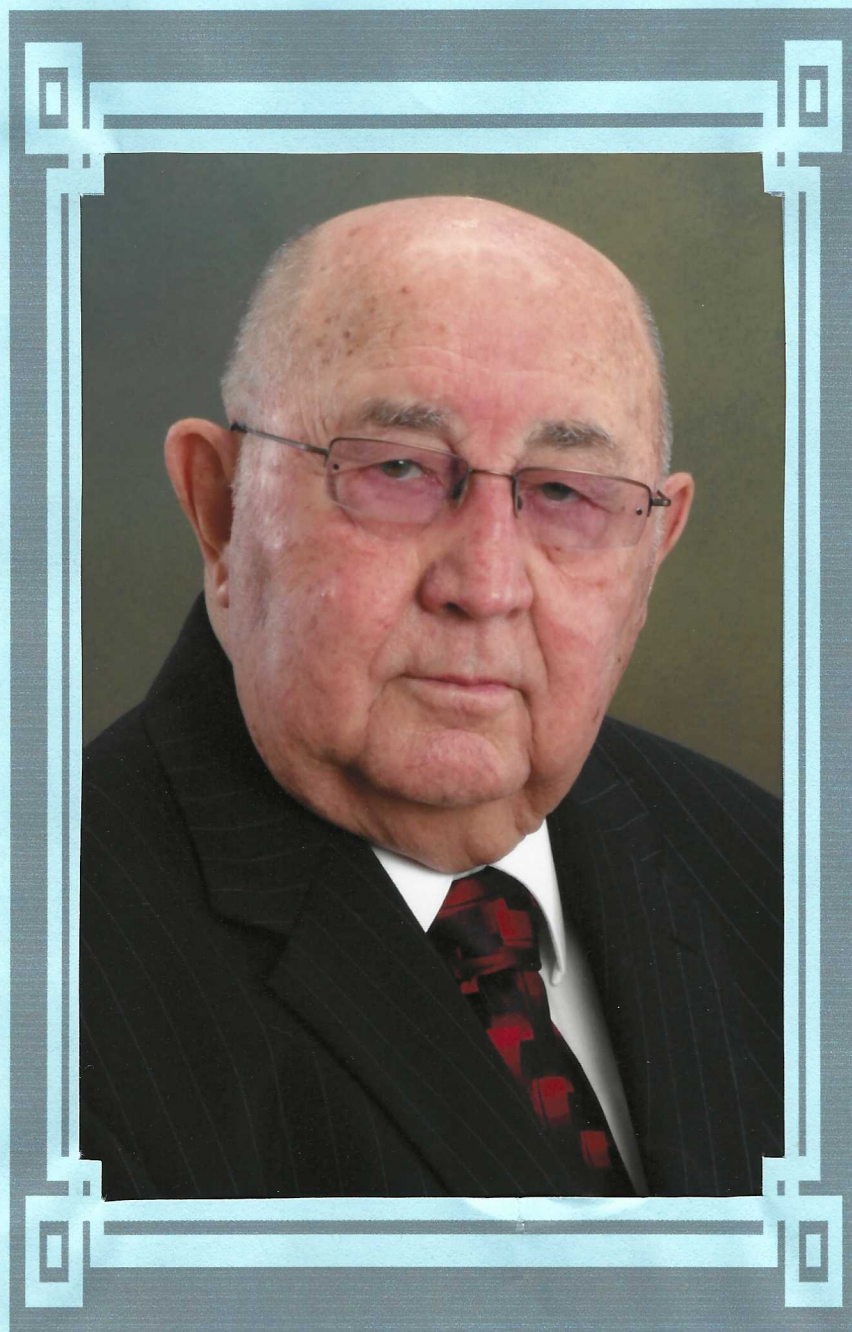
After a brief period of practicing banking law in Nebraska, Roger moved to Edmond, Oklahoma where he still lives and serves as President and CEO of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. His work there has lately been closely involved in studying causes, reactions, and preventions for the near collapse of the nation's housing and financial system. He has served as the Chairman of the Alliance of State Bankers Associations, on the Board of Directors of the American Bankers Association, the Board of Directors of the American Bankers Insurance Association, the board of BancInsure, the Board of Trustees of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Board of Directors of the State Chamber of Oklahoma, Leadership Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Academy of State Goals. He is a member of the Nebraska and Oklahoma State Bar Associations, and the American Bar Association.

Roger and his wife, Paula, of 32 years are active in the New Covenant Methodist Church in Edmond. They have five children and six grandchildren and one on the way.

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CECIL McKNIGHT

Cecil McKnight was born and raised in Nebraska City, Nebraska. In high school he was active in Band, Football, Basketball, and Track, holding the long jump record for many years. He graduated from NCHS in 1946. Immediately following high school he joined the U. S. Navy and was stationed on the West Coast for two years. He returned to Nebraska to attend Peru State College on the GI bill. While in college he played football and ran track. He graduated from Peru State College with an Education Degree in 1952. His first teaching position was in Morrill, Nebraska, teaching industrial arts and coaching football and track. In 1954, Cecil, wife Lila and two young sons moved to Plattsmouth, Nebraska where he spent the next 38 years teaching and coaching the young people of Plattsmouth.

Although Cecil coached almost every sport during his 38 years at Plattsmouth, he is well known across the state for the outstanding athletes he coached in cross country and track. Cecil's track teams won 45 duals, 21 triangulars, 48 invitational championships, 13 conference championships, 13 district titles, and was a runner-up at the State Meet three times and the State Champions in 1976. During his career he had seven individual first place finishers at the State Meet and qualified 252 athletes for State, an average of 6.8 per year.

Cecil began coaching Cross Country in the fall of 1972. Over the years his teams racked up 31 invitational wins, 28 second place finishes, 6 District runners up, was District Champion 7 times, State runner-up once and was State Champion for three consecutive years in 1973, 1974, and 1975. During his head coaching years the teams finished in the top ten, fourteen times in 20 years of running.

Cecil McKnight, fondly known as 'Cap' by his students, has been the recipient of many awards over the years. A few of them are: Nebraska School Activities Association Service Award, Peru State College Service Award, Honorary Starter at the Peru State Invitational Track Meet, 25-year Coaching Award from Nebraska Coaches Association, 25-year Service Award from the Plattsmouth Booster Club, Games Committee member at Nebraska State Track Meet, Nebraska Coaches Association "Binnie & Dutch" Award, and the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame.

During those 38 years of teaching at PHS, Cecil also kept up with the activities of a busy family and community. He and Lila have three sons and one daughter, which gave him the opportunity to be a boy scout leader, run the summer youth baseball program for many years, help build the Legion Baseball field, sell yumburgers as a band parents, teach driver's education during 24 summers, and attend countless sporting events, band programs, and dance recitals. He continues to be a member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 56, Eagles No. 365, 40 & 8 - Voiture Local 1218. His community involvement was recognized when he was named King of Kornland in 1984. His children live fairly close to home. Jim, a dentist, and Sandy (Holman) live in Plattsmouth; Tom, a family physician, and Evelyn (Vinduska) live in Fremont; Scott, an ophthalmologist, and Debbie (Fleming) live in Liberty, Missouri; and Jodi Traut, lead business analyst for Fiserv, lives in Omaha. Cecil and Lila have 2 granddaughters, 8 grandsons, 3 great-granddaughters, and 1 great-grandson. Cecil and Lila have been married for 60 years. Their favorite past-times are attending events and activities of their grandchildren. Cecil enjoys watching Husker football and attending the College World Series. He continues to play golf as much as possible, is active at the Plattsmouth Community Center, especially card marathons, and enjoys catching up on all the news at morning coffee with friends.