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Carl Butkus Dies at 56; Grid Star, H.S. Coach

Carl Butkus, 56, a football star at George Washington University and member of the Washington Redskins who later became a highly successful coach at DuVal High School in Prince George's County, died Thursday at the Washington Hospital Center after a heart attack. He lived on Third Street NW.

A native of Scranton, Pa., he played tackle for the Redskins in 1948 and for the New York Giants in 1949. Butkus, who had been DuVal's only football coach since the school opened in 1960, was also its athletic director at the time of his death.

Two of his teams won county championships — the 1963 team, which compiled a 7-1-1 record, and the 1965 team, which was 6-2.

He was respected by his players and by other coaches for his straightforwardness and for his dedication to football.

Besides starring in football at GW during the 1940s, Butkus was good enough at baseball to receive attention from major-league teams.

After his pro football career he turned to teaching. He became an assistant football coach at Bladensburg High School in 1955 and remained at the school until assuming the head position at DuVal five years later.

His wife, Eunice "Sully," taught for many years in the D.C. public schools.

Besides his wife, he leaves two



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sons, Carl Jr. of Albuquerque, N.M., and William, of the home; and a sister, Ruth T. Bigeley of Bowie.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Nativity Church, 6000 Georgia Ave. NW, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.