

Maurice "Stringy" Ervin

USA Swimming



Maurice "Stringy" Ervin was born and raised in Littleton, CO, where he attended high school and was a three-sport athlete (football, basketball, and baseball). As a senior, he quarterbacked Littleton to the state football title, the first in any sport in the school's history. During the same academic year, he led LHS to a State Championship in basketball.

His career as a teacher and coach started in 1965 at Highland High School (Thornton, CO). He then moved to Littleton High School in 1968. He would retire from teaching in 1988 after 33 years and from coaching in 2014 after 49 years.

During 40 years of coaching boys and 30 years of coaching girls swimming and diving, he tallied a dual meet record of 533-177-7; coached 40 individual state champions, 21 state champion relays, 26 individual All-Americans, and 18 All-American relays; won 12 State Championships with another six runner-up finishes; was the Colorado High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year six times, won the 1988 National High School Athletic Coaches Association's award for National Swimming Coach of the Year and has been nominated for that award a total of four times; was the 2014 National Federation of High Schools' National Coach of the Year for Girls Swimming and Diving; is a member of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Hall of Fame, the Colorado High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Littleton High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and a 2017 inductee into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

Stringy and his wife of fifty years, Karen, have two sons, Eric and Kent, and still make their home in Littleton.