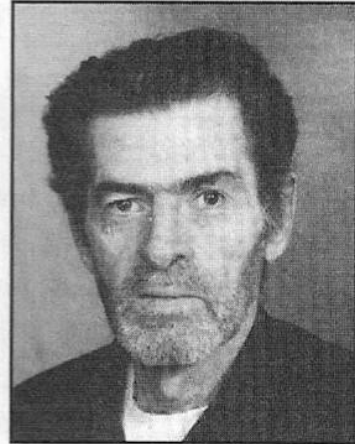


## ROBERT L. DILLMAN

Robert Lee Dillman, known by his peers at the South Dakota School for the Deaf as Bobby, was a “coach’s dream player” throughout his athletic career – a dedicated warrior with a great capacity for work and a sense of togetherness. He knew what it took to develop into a competitive player and he became one all on his own in football, basketball and track and field. He was a team player – one who synchronized his individual work with that of the total team effort and who always utilized to the fullest extent the concept of the acronym, TEAM – Together, Everyone Achieves More.



Under the tutelage of Clyde Ketchum, believed by some as the greatest 3-sport coach in SDSD history, Bobby spearheaded the Pheasant eleven to a respectable 5-2 record and second place finish in the Little Sioux Conference. The won-lost record was the best since 1949 under Coach Roy Holcomb who guided the team led by a SDSD legend, Jerrold Berke, to a perfect 4-0 slate. Co-captains Dillman and Russell O’Neill were recognized for their sterling performances in the honorable mention section of the *Argus Leader’s* All-State football team.

The most notable of his accomplishments took place at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. where he quarterbacked and captained the football team to one of its best seasons in a long time and starred as a consistent point-maker on the varsity swimming team. He was a member of the 1961 World Games for the Deaf swimming team and competed in three events – 100-meter backstroke, 100-meter butterfly and free style relay — at the Games in Helsinki, Finland and again in the 1965 Games in Washington, D.C.

Bobby was born on January 23, 1939 in his hometown of Yankton, South Dakota and concluded his SDSD education in 1957. He graduated from Gallaudet University in 1962 where he participated actively in the Block “G” Club and the Gallaudet Athletic Association. He has resided in the Washington D.C. area ever since.