



Howard J. Weyers graduated from Greenville’s Penn High in 1952 and Thiel College in 1956. “Butch” was a 3-sport star in high school and college. He played football, basketball, and baseball at Penn High, then carried over his athletic career in all three sports at Thiel College where he earned four letters in football, three in basketball, and one in baseball.

While at Thiel Howard met the love of his life, Kathleen Weyers (Beattie), to whom he was married 57 loving years prior to her passing in 2013. They had two children, Teah and Howard Jr. (Jack).

After receiving his B.A. from Thiel, Howard Weyer embarked on a career as a high school teacher and football coach. He taught and coached offensive line at Ellwood City for two years, then moved to head coach at East Palestine, OH, posting an overall mark of 18-12 in three years. Howard then moved on to the college ranks where he coached the freshmen team at Rutgers University for one year, served as offensive coordinator at Columbia University for two seasons, was offensive line coach at the University of Pittsburgh for two years, worked four years as offensive coordinator at Miami (Ohio) University, and wrapped up his coaching career as defensive ends coach for three seasons at Michigan State University.

In 1979 Howard founded WECO INC in Okemos, MI, specializing in employee benefits administration. His business team grew to over 225 employees under his direction. Howard ended his career as an acclaimed pioneer, advocate, and speaker regarding employee wellness programs. Those who knew Howard well know that his passions included an unsurpassed work ethic, attention to detail, physical fitness, and philanthropy – and “his people”.

Howard passed away in 2018. Over the years he and his wife supported many causes and institutions, always keeping the Greenville and Thiel College communities near and dear to his heart. Howard was admitted to membership in the Thiel College Athletic Hall of Fame (’91) and the Mercer County Hall of Fame (’05).