

Former football coach dies from cancer bout

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William E. Narduzzi, former head football coach and athletic director at YSU, died Thursday night at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City of complications resulting from a bout with cancer. Narduzzi was 51.



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Services were held at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church in Bogota, N.J., for the former grid mentor of the Penguins.

Narduzzi had been defensive coordinator at Columbia University the past two years, following 11 years at the helm of YSU. While at YSU from 1975-85, his teams compiled a 68-51-1 record while competing on the NCAA Division II and I-AA level.

The Penguins captured two Mid Continent Conference crowns in 1978 and 1979. In 1979 the Penguins advanced all the way to the Division II championship game in Arizona only to fall to the University of Delaware.

Narduzzi was a 1963 graduate of Miami of Ohio University and received a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh while working as a graduate assistant coach for the Panthers.

From 1963-65 he was a defensive coach for Brown University. He then moved to Yale University where he was defensive coordinator from 1965-72. He then served as a defensive coach at the University of Miami in Florida in 1973 and as defensive coordinator at the University of Kentucky in 1974.

Narduzzi received many coaching honors while at YSU including: Ohio Coach of the Year, 1978; Mid Continent Conference Coach of the Year, 1978; NCAA Division II Coach of the Year, 1979; and Ohio Valley Coach of the Year, 1984. See Narduzzi, page 19

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He was the founder of the Cradle of Coaches at Miami University, an organization that recognized the large number of coaches that emerged from the school. He was also a member of

the American Football Coaches Association and its Rules Committee.

Narduzzi was born Feb. 16, 1936, in East Canton, Ohio, the son of Leonard and Mary Narduzzi. He leaves his wife, Angie; three daughters, three sons, a

brother and a sister.

The family requests that all material tributes take the form of contributions to the William E. Narduzzi, Miami University Athletic Scholarship Fund, c/o 285 Gifford Place, Teaneck, N.J. 07666.