

Bill McCartney, Promise Keepers Founder, Hall of Fame Football Coach, Dies at 84

Bill McCartney, founder of famed men's ministry Promise Keepers and Hall of Fame football coach who led the University of Colorado Buffaloes to the team's only national championship in 1990, died Dec. 10 at 84 "after a courageous journey with Dementia," his family announced.



"Coach Mac touched countless lives with his unwavering faith, boundless compassion, and enduring legacy as a leader, mentor, and advocate for family, community, and faith," the family said in its public statement.

"As a trailblazer and visionary, his impact was felt both on and off the field, and his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those he inspired."

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McCartney coached CU from 1982-1994 and remains the winningest coach in the Buffaloes' history. In 2013, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. After starting his career at the secondary level, he became the first-ever high school coach to be hired by the University of Michigan's Coach Bo Schembechler.

But it was his founding of national men's faith organization Promise Keepers in 1990 that propelled him into a different

spotlight. Following his conversion from Catholicism, per the Promise Keepers website,

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