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HIGH SCHOOL

Indiana Basketball Hall of Famer Walt Sahm, former Cathedral and Notre Dame star, dies at 78

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Over nearly 70 years of friendship, Tom McGinty has enough stories about Walt Sahm that he could probably write a book.

“Walt had a photographic memory,” McGinty said Wednesday. “The guys at NBC Sports used to call him regularly because he knew all the statistics and which team beat that team. Then when Google took over, I told him it kind of put him out of business. It’s hard to compete with Google.”

Sahm, 78, died on Jan. 5 after battling complications from COVID-19. The 6-foot-9 Sahm, who was living in The Villages in Central Florida with his wife, Patricia, was an Indiana All-Star basketball player at Cathedral in 1961 and went on to star at Notre Dame, where he scored 1,077 points and still holds the career record for rebounds per game (16.9).

Sahm was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011.

“I hit the parent lottery,” said daughter Joanna Sahm, who was a standout volleyball player at North Carolina who won four state championships in high school at Cardinal Gibbons in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. “My dad was a very good Christian man and a wonderful father. He was very caring and supportive when my sister (Patricia) and I played sports. He was very passionate and enthusiastic, which I think some people might have thought was living vicariously through us. But he had already achieved his own athletic accomplishments.”

Sahm came to Cathedral from South Bend before his sophomore year, but had already become friends with McGinty years earlier. Sahm’s older brother, Bill Sahm, was the director of the city’s Catholic Youth Organization from 1954 until his death in 1973 at age 45.

“(Bill Sahm) would bring Walt over to play basketball with me starting in seventh grade,” McGinty said. “Back then we were about the same size. Then he moved down to Indianapolis permanently for his sophomore year, close to where I lived. We went in the same car to Cathedral every day. When he moved to Florida (in 1977), it broke my heart. We followed them down there three years later. Then they moved up to The Villages and we followed them up there, too. He was a great guy to be around and a very devout family man.”

Sahm was the centerpiece of an excellent Cathedral team as a senior in 1960-61 that knocked off Manual and co-IndyStar Mr. Basketball winners Tom and Dick Van Arsdale early in the season and upset undefeated and top-ranked Crispus Attucks in February in front of a paid attendance of 13,723 at Hinkle Fieldhouse. It was Cathedral’s first win over Attucks in 13 years and the nightcap of a doubleheader that also featured Broad Ripple and Shortridge.

“The fieldhouse just rocked for those two games,” said Roy Smith, Sahm’s teammate and classmate. “Those were great teams and great games to watch and be a part of.”

Attucks returned the favor in the sectional championship game, knocking off 20-win and second-ranked Cathedral 68-61. The Irish, who also had standout players in Garry Donna, Mel Blaylock and Ronnie Keller that season, would not win their first sectional title for another decade.

“Walt was a hard worker,” Smith said. “The coaches brought him along. He wasn’t the fastest guy in the middle, but he worked on it. Two years running we beat the Van Arsdales, which was something that Walt really took pride in. He was a fun guy to be around.”

Sahm went on to star at Notre Dame, where he was a co-captain and three-year starter. He ranked in the top-10 in the country in rebounding all three of his seasons and helped Notre Dame to two NCAA tournament appearances. Sahm was named to Notre Dame’s all-century team as the second of five Irish players to reach 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds for his career.

“We used to go to a lot of NCAA tournaments together,” McGinty said. “We were in St. Louis (in 1973) for the Final Four and John Wooden was sitting behind us. He hit me in the ribs and said, ‘I’ve never asked anybody for an autograph, but I’m getting one from John Wooden.’”

Sahm worked in the insurance industry for many years. His daughter, Joanna, said her father had heart surgery 20 years ago. Sahm suffered two heart attacks after he was admitted to the hospital for COVID-19.

“He was almost back to 100% after the ninth day,” Joanna said. “But after he had a heart attack, there were complications. I know he didn’t want to be on a ventilator, which I’m glad he wasn’t.”

McGinty will miss his friend. They were baseball players together at Cathedral, where Sahm was a pitcher and McGinty played catcher. More than 60 years later, they were still sharing stories.

“I’m going to miss the guy,” McGinty said. “He had a really good gift that he never met a stranger. He loved to hold court and pick the other side of a discussion to stir you up. But you could convince him to come over to your side. He had a big bark with no bite. Deep down, he was a big softie. I could tell you a thousand stories about Walt Sahm. He was a good friend.”

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JANUARY 14, 2021

IRISH LEGEND WALT SAHM PASSES AWAY

Walt Sahm, a member of Notre Dame Men's Basketball All-Century Team and Indiana Basketball Hall of Famer, [passed away January 5, 2021](#), due to complications from COVID-19.

Still atop the all-time Notre Dame career rebounding chart with a 16.9 average, Sahm is one of just two Irish players to finish their careers averaging over 15 points and 15 rebounds per game.

An Indiana high school basketball star, Sahm was one of 25 players named to Notre Dame's All-Century Team during the 2004-05 season. To honor the Irish legend, here is the full feature to accompany his All-Century Team honor from 2004:

REBOUNDING MACHINE

When it came to acing college boards, Walt Sahm passed with flying colors.

What Austin Carr was to scoring at Notre Dame, Walt Sahm was to rebounding.

Just as Carr's marks in career scoring (34.6), single-season scoring (38.1) and single-game production (61) will likely never be eclipsed, neither will Sahm's career standard in rebounds (16.9 per contest) and boards in one contest (30).

The only player with a better single-season rebounding record at Notre Dame is Ron Reed (17.7), who enrolled with Sahm in 1961.

Since Sahm's graduation in 1965, the closest any Irish player has come to the 16.9 career standard is Bob Whitmore at 12.4, and the highest one-season average was 13.1 in 1971 by Collis Jones (whom Sham refers to as "the most unsung player in Notre Dame basketball history").

Sahm was often overlooked, too, because of his blue-collar forte.

"Very few players today take pride in rebounding and it's something few want to do," said Sahm, who has his own insurance agency in Boca Raton, Florida. "The opportunities are not as many today with the way the game has changed. Rebounding is hard work and something you have to commit yourself to totally."

It wasn't until 1956-57, after Bill Russell led the San Francisco Dons to consecutive national titles with his defensive prowess and control of the backboards, that rebounding statistics were regularly kept. The competitive and cerebral Russell was the player Sahm strove to emulate.

"I studied everything Bill Russell said about rebounding," Sahm said. "For example, 75 to 80 percent of all shots at one side of the basket would come out on the other side. I anticipated and worked to get to the spot first, and I was coached very well in high school in the rebounding aspect."

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After a stellar career at Indianapolis Cathedral High, the 6-9 Sham was recruited nationally and nearly fell to the lure of temptation.

"I passed up a lot of money from a lot of schools," Sahm said. "To receive \$700 a month in 1961 was a lot, I don't think my dad made that kind of money. But I went to Notre Dame based on principles and religious aspects."

Enrolling with Sahm were Reed and Larry Sheffield, the first recruiting haul at Notre Dame with three players that would surpass 1,000 points in their careers. A fourth classmate, the late Jay Miller, scored 988 and had the longest stint among them in the NBA.

The Irish made the 25- and 23-team NCAA Tournament in two of their three varsity seasons (1963 and 1965). Among Sahm's favorite memories was Creighton's Paul Silas - one of the premier rebounding forwards in NBA history - lauding the Irish big man for outplaying him in a head-to-head duel.

Sham averaged double-doubles all three seasons and he and Tom Hawkins are the lone Notre Dame players who averaged at least 15 points and 15 rebounds per game during their careers.

In the two seasons prior to Sahm's first season of varsity eligibility in 1962, Notre Dame finished 12-14 and 7-16. The year after Sham and his classmates graduated, the Irish were 5-21.

With Sahm in the lineup from 1962-65, though, Notre Dame was truly on the rebound.

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