

# BREAKING NEWS: Scheuerman passes away

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Former Iowa men's basketball player and head coach Sharm Scheuerman died at his home in Denver, Colo., on Monday. He was 76.

Scheuerman is best remembered as being a member of the Hawkeyes' "Fabulous Five" during the 1950s that appeared in both the 1955 and 1956 Final Fours. Iowa was the national runners-up in 1956.

After playing at Iowa, Scheuerman later became the Hawkeyes' head coach in 1958 after his predecessor, Bucky O'Connor, was involved in a tragic accident. The Rock Island, Ill., native coached Iowa for six years. Among his players at Iowa was Don Nelson, who is currently the head coach of the NBA's Golden State Warriors, and the NBA's all-time winningest head coach.

Scheuerman is survived by his wife, daughter, two sons, and two grandchildren. Current Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery called his "one of the classiest individuals" he has known in his 30 years associated with Division-I basketball.

"He's one of the finest people I spoke with after I was hired at the University of Iowa," Fran McCaffery said in a statement released Tuesday. "He was incredibly happy for me and gave me some great insight into our program's history and what makes it special.

"Without question, one of the things that makes Iowa basketball so special is people like Sharm Scheuerman who have come through before and set such a great example for all of

our student-athletes.”