

Former Clemson star Dick Hendley dies

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Funeral services were held Monday for former Clemson two-sport star Dick Hendley, 88, who passed away at his Greer home on Friday.

Hendley lettered four years in football and three years in baseball for the Tigers between 1946 and 1951.

He was a standout blocking back on coach Frank Howard's teams of 1946, 1948, 1949 and 1950 and was named winner of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy for the state of South Carolina as a senior in 1950.

"Dad played football and baseball – maybe even basketball a couple of times," said Todd Hendley, the fourth of Hendley's five sons. "We were raised at Clemson. When you cut us, our blood runs orange."

Dick Hendley, who graduated from Greenville High, was drafted in the 22nd round by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1951, but played just one year before returning home to open an industrial cleaning business – IH Services – out of his dining room and the trunk of his car. IH Services now has thousands of employees in several states.

He played on two undefeated football teams at Clemson – the 11-0 team of 1948 that beat Missouri in the Gator Bowl and the 9-0-1 team of 1950 that defeated Miami in the Orange Bowl.

In baseball, Hendley was a three-year starter at catcher and a .350 career hitter. On May 4, 1951 he had two triples and two home runs against Davidson and remains the only player in Clemson history to have two triples and two homers in the same game.

A 1984 inductee into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame, Hendley is the grandfather of former Clemson All-America golfer Lucas Glover, the 2009 U.S. Open champion. Hendley introduced Glover and all of his sons to the game of golf.

Hendley and Glover are the only grandfather-grandson combination in the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame.

Henley is survived by Lucille Greene Hendley, his wife of 66 years; five sons, Ryan of Greer, Jeff of Boone, N.C., Mark of Greer, Todd of Greer and Richard of Jamestown, N.C.; a daughter, Hershey Glover of Greer; one brother, Bailey of Easley; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



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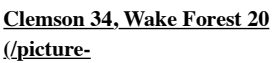
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