

Francis Dayle (Hap) Moran
July 31, 1901 - December 30, 1994



Hap Moran was born July 31, 1901 to Jesse Hendershot and Mark Moran in Belle Plaine, Iowa. His sister Thelma was born in 1902. On December 20, 1907 his father was killed by a train in the railroad yards in Belle Plaine, and the family was split up. His sister went to live with an aunt and Hap and his mother went to live with her parents, Karlton Edward Hendershot and Minerva Katherine Elliot.

In 1916 his mother married James R. Sutton and they moved to Boone, Iowa. Hap graduated from Boone High School in 1921, winning honors for his athletic achievements in football, basketball, and track. He was Iowa All State in football and basketball, captain of the All-State basketball team, and named to the High School All-American Basketball Team.

He attended Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon), Pittsburgh, PA, for the 1922-23 academic year and Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, from 1923-26, playing basketball and football for both schools. At Grinnell he was named to the All Missouri Valley Conference teams in both basketball and football.



After college he played professional football. In 1926 he was a starting back and place-kicker for the Frankford Yellow Jackets, the first, and only, the year they won the NFL Championship. In 1927 he played the beginning of the season with the Yellow Jackets and then moved to the Chicago Cardinals. In 1928 he played with the Pottsville Maroons and then the NY Giants purchased his contract for their last game of the season. He played the next 5 seasons with the Giants.

In 1930 he set the NFL record for the longest run from scrimmage of 91 yards against the Green Bay Packers and earned All Pro Honorable Mention. In 1931 he was the Giants scoring leader and named an All Pro Halfback. In 1933 he set the NFL record for Most Yards Receiving in a game, 114 yards, against the Philadelphia Eagles. In 1934 he played for the Paterson Panthers of the American Association and was their coach in 1936.

In his professional life he was educated as an engineer and worked first for the Shell Oil Company. From 1935 to 1942 he was a buyer for the U.S. Treasury Department, and from 1942 to his retirement in 1966, a buyer for Western Electric, a subsidiary of AT&T.

On August 9, 1937 he married Lucille Beberstein and they moved to Sunnyside, Queens, where they lived in the Phipps Garden Apartments for 53 years. In Sunnyside he coached the youth football team, the Sunnyside Mustangs, prior to the outbreak of World War II.

He was active in community affairs in Sunnyside, including twenty years in Scouting as Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Committeeman, and member of the Executive Committee, Queens Council, BSA. He was ordained a Deacon in the Reformed Church in America in 1957, and an Elder in 1959, and served on the Consistory of the Sunnyside Reformed Church, Queens, for over thirty years. He was also a volunteer with Sunnyside Community Services. He moved to New Milford, Connecticut, in 1990, and was a resident of the New Milford Nursing Home for the past four years.



His sister Thelma died in 1980 and his wife Lucille died in 1992. He is survived by two sons and their families: Mark and Connie Moran of Annapolis, Maryland, and Eileen Devlin and Michael Moran and their daughters Kathryn and Elizabeth, of New Milford Connecticut.

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Francis (Hap) Moran; Football Player, 93

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NEW MILFORD, Conn., Jan. 2— Francis (Hap) Moran, a former National Football League All-Pro whose 91-yard run from scrimmage in 1930 is the oldest team record for the New York Giants, died Friday at a nursing home here. He was 93.

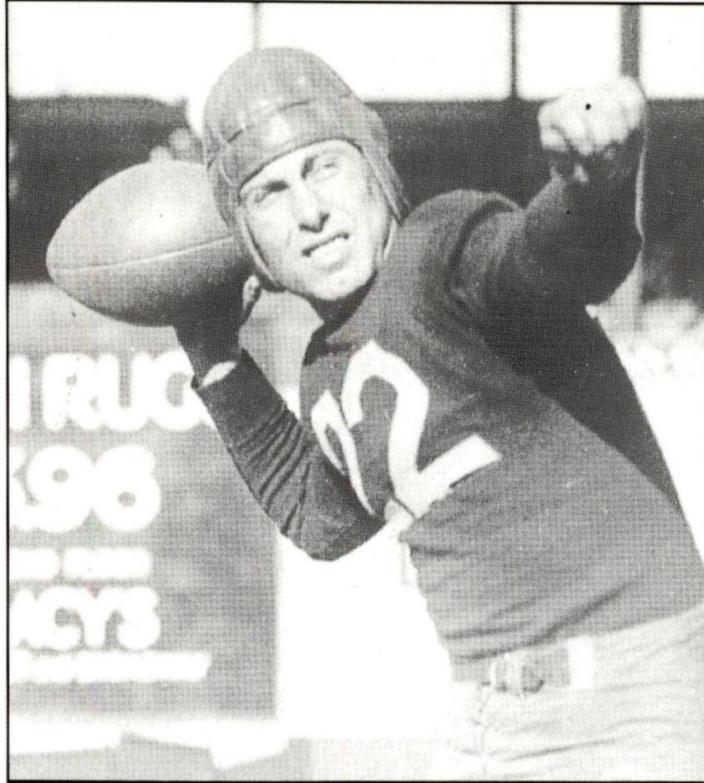
Moran joined the Giants in 1928 and he played with them until 1934. He set the record for the team's longest run from scrimmage against the Green Bay Packers in November 1930.

He is survived by two sons, Lieut. Col. Mark F. Moran of Annapolis, Md., and the Rev. Michael Moran of New Milford.

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Early NFL star Moran dies in New Milford



Francis 'Hap' Moran, who died in New Milford yesterday, played for the New York Giants in the early 1930s.

Francis Dayle "Hap" Moran, 93, National Football League veteran and father of the Rev. Michael Moran of New Milford, died Friday in New Milford.

A resident of New Milford for four years, he was the husband of the late Lucille Beberstein Moran.

Born in Belle Plaine, Iowa, July 31, 1901, he was a son of Martin and Jesse Hender-shot Moran.

He graduated from Boone High School, Boone, Iowa, in 1921. While in high school, he won honors for his athletic achievements in football, basketball, and track.

After high school, he attended Carnegie Technical Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, playing basketball and football for both schools.

He began his professional football career with the Frankford, Pa., Yellow Jackets in 1926, the only year they won the NFL championship. He moved to the Chicago Cardinals, where he played with Jim Thorpe, in 1927.

In the off-season he joined Thorpe

on a barnstorming semi-pro basketball team. He started the 1928 season with the Pottsville Maroons, but after future New York Giants coach Steve Owen was knocked unconscious trying to tackle him, the Giants purchased his contract.

He played with the Giants until 1934 and set the team record for the longest run from scrimmage, 91 yards against the Green Bay Packers in November 1930.

For several years he played semi-pro baseball with the Meehan Coal Co. team owned by Timothy J. Mara, founder of the Giants.

Moran wasn't the type to talk about his athletic past, his son, the Rev. Moran, said yesterday.

"I'm looking through his scrapbooks and I'm finding out things I didn't know," said Moran, pastor of the First Congregational Church in New Milford.

"When I was a kid all the kids knew him and when we were in the park they would ask him to kick the football. He'd kick it on the roof of the neighboring apartment building," the Rev. Moran recalled.

"He was a very good humored person. He was always somebody other people would look up to."

Retiring after an injury, Moran coached the Paterson, N.J., Pan-

thers and later the youth league in Sunnyside, Queens, N.Y.

In 1992, the Giants produced a pre-game segment to honor his 91-yard record on his 91st birthday.

After leaving professional sports, he was an engineer who worked for the Shell Oil Co. Later he worked as a buyer for the U.S. Treasury Department, and until his retirement in 1966 was a buyer for Western Electric, a subsidiary of AT&T.

In Sunnyside, he served 20 years in Boy Scouts as cubmaster, scoutmaster, troop committee member and member of the executive committee, Queens Council.

He was ordained a deacon in the Reformed Church of America in 1957 and an elder in 1959. He served on the Consistory of the Sunnyside Reformed Church for more than 30 years.

Besides his son Michael, he is survived by another son, Lt. Col. Mark F. Moran of Annapolis, Md., and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sunnyside Reformed Church, Queens, N.Y., or the Book of Remembrance, First Congregational Church, New Milford.

SERVICES: Friday at 11 a.m., a memorial service at the First Congregational Church in New Milford.



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