

ALS takes life of former Wilson star Manlove

A standout in the mid-1990s, he scored 1,944 points

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Former Wilson High School basketball star Tyron Manlove died Jan. 30.

Manlove, who scored 1,944 points for Wilson in the mid-1990s, died at age 42 after battling Lou Gehrig's disease for several years.

Jack Bertell, who coached Manlove at Wilson, said Manlove's main strength was his athleticism. Bertell said Manlove showed up as a freshman wanting the opportunity to make the varsity team, and did just that.

"His expectations were high and he met them," Bertell said.

Offensively, the 6-foot-4 Manlove could play any position on the court, and his defense got better every season, Bertell said.

"He never really played a position," Bertell said. "We liked to have him on the move."

Manlove started his college career at Oregon, but transferred to

Colorado where he played one season.

Wilson came up short in the state tournament during Manlove's four seasons. In 1995, the Trojans lost to Portland Interscholastic League rival Jefferson in the semifinals. In 1996, Manlove's senior year, they lost by two points in the quarterfinals to South Salem, the eventual state champion.

Growing up, Manlove and his cousins dominated pick-up basketball games in the neighborhood around Northeast 10th Avenue and Jarrett Street, according to Manlove's stepfather K.J. Adams.

Prior to being diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in 2018, Manlove was an instructional assistant and assistant basketball coach at Woodburn High School, and also helped coach youth basketball teams.

"His desire was to help the young kids," Adams said.

A GoFundMe.com effort has been established to help support Manlove's sons — Jaiden, 13, and Tatum, 9.



Tyron Manlove scored 1,944 points over his four years at Wilson High in the mid-1990s. Manlove died Jan. 30 after a three-year battle with ALS.

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