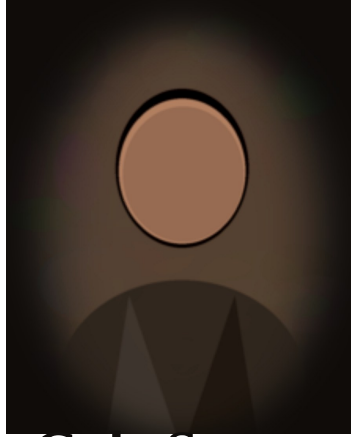




Gale Sayers

May 30, 1943 - September 23, 2020

Wakarusa, Indiana

Gale Sayers - Gale Eugene Sayers - Chicago Bears running back nicknamed the Kansas Comet and later a Pro Football Hall of Famer, died in Wakarusa, Indiana, on September 23, 2020. He was seventy-seven. Born May 30, 1943, in Wichita, Kansas, he starred at the University of Kansas, joined the Bears in 1965, and in a brief prime made open-field running look like improvisation set to silence.

Injuries shortened the highlight reel; courage lengthened the legend. After a devastating knee injury he returned to lead the league in rushing, then saw his career end early anyway. His friendship with teammate Brian Piccolo - sealed in a memorable acceptance speech and later in the film *Brian's Song* - taught a national television audience that toughness could include tenderness. Inducted into the Hall of Fame at thirty-four, he later worked in athletic administration and business while the old film grain of his cuts kept recruiting new fans.

Wakarusa was a late Midwestern chapter after Kansas and Chicago. He died after years with dementia, a fate shared by too many of his generation's players and still part of football's unfinished argument with itself.

He died in Wakarusa on September 23, 2020. Bears histories still slow the projector when his number 40 hits the secondary.

Sayers's gift was open-field vision - finding daylight that blockers had not finished creating. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 23 remembers the Kansas Comet whose short career still sets the standard for elegance in the open field.

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Died in Wakarusa, Indiana, September 23, 2020. Pro Football Hall of Fame running back; Chicago Bears; University of Kansas star.

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