

# BARRY LOLLAR

**B**ARRY LOLLAR'S ROOTS WERE PLANTED IN OAKMAN ALABAMA, JUNE 1, 1950 WHEN

he was born to the late Eugene and Betty Sartain Lollar. His father's job relocated the family throughout the state, but the Lollars always "came home" to Oakman, moving there permanently when Barry was in the 8th grade.

Like most boys of his generation, Barry's childhood was spent helping out on his grandfather's (Claude Sartain) farm and playing sports. In high school Barry played basketball and football (the only two competitive sports offered), but he always said that baseball was his real strength. At 6'2" and 190 pounds, Lollar was recognized as All Conference and All County in basketball. In football, Barry achieved All Conference, All County and All State status.

During his high school days, Oakman football lost only 5 games in three years. They finished the 1967-68 season 9-1, ranking 5th in the state under Coach Hosea Collins and Coach Harold Wade.



Barry began his college football career as a freshman at Auburn University, playing on the same team as the legendary Pat Sullivan. It was the beginning of the Sullivan/Beasley era. One of Barry's favorite memories was traveling to play the University of Florida where they were given a new drink during half-time -- Gatorade!

Samford University recruited Barry from Auburn where he played out his college football career. Lollar was named "Best Defensive Lineman" for each of the 1970-71-72 seasons. He anchored a defense that still holds the Samford football rushing record, giving up fewer than 100 yards per game. The 1971 team finished 9-1 and capped the season with a victory at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, capturing the NCAA Division II West Region National Championship. In 1972, Barry was selected to the All-American Small College Defensive team, and in 2019 he and the entire 1971 Samford Bulldog Team were inducted into the Samford Hall of Fame.

Barry married Oakman's Jeanne McGhee (deceased, 2010) and settled in Birmingham where they raised their two children, Chris and Amy (Smith). Barry had a very meaningful business career with Thompson Tractor, one of Alabama's most successful private companies. Lollar spent the last 20 years of his career as Vice President of Parts Operations and Product Support Sales, retiring in 2017.

When Barry is not spending time with his six grandchildren, he can be found enjoyed retirement at "home-away-from-home" in Old Seagrove, Florida. Barry has this to say about his life and legacy, "Life is Good!"