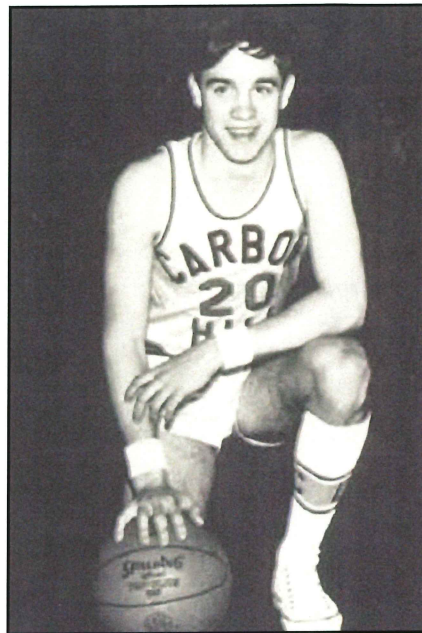


## DONALD GUTHRIE

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**D**ONALD GUTHRIE WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 5, 1951, TO THE LATE THOMAS AND BOBBIE GUTHRIE OF

Carbon Hill, Alabama. Donald began his sports career as a star softball pitcher and basketball player at Townley Junior High School. He assisted the Townley softball team in winning three consecutive Walker County Championships during his seventh, eighth, and ninth grade years. On the Townley basketball team, Donald started on the "B" team as point guard in the sixth grade and in grades seven through nine, he started on the "A" team. His ninth-grade team won 25 consecutive games, including a win in the Walker County Championship. For the first time in school history, Townley Junior High participated in the Alabama State Junior High Basketball Tournament in Montgomery. Donald averaged 18 points per game and was selected to the Walker All-County and Alabama All-State teams.



After completing Townley Junior High, Donald attended Carbon Hill High School. As a sophomore, he started on the varsity basketball team where he averaged 18.5 points per game. He was selected to the All-Area team and the All-WAC (West Alabama Conference) Team. Carbon Hill won the area and the regional championships and participated in the Alabama High School Basketball Tournament in Tuscaloosa for the first time since 1954. The Bulldogs placed fourth overall in the tournament.

During Donald's junior year, he averaged 19 points per game. He was selected to the All-County, All-Area and All-WAC teams. In addition, he was named honorable mention to the All-State team. Carbon Hill High School's basketball team were both Area and Regional Champions and participated in the Alabama State Basketball Tournament for the second consecutive year.

As a senior in 1970, he was selected to the All-County, All-Area, All-WAC, and All-State basketball teams. He averaged 22 points per game. He signed a basketball scholarship with Brewer State Junior College in Fayette, Alabama, to play for the school's first basketball team.

In 1971-1972, Donald started as a point guard for the Brewer State basketball team. He averaged ten points per game in the first year and 14.5 points per game in his second year. During his sophomore year, he was selected as honorable mention for the All-Deep South Conference team, and Brewer State won the Deep South Conference championship. The team participated in the National Small Junior College Tournament in Albany, New York, where they placed third in the nation.

After graduation from Brewer State, Donald signed a scholarship with Covenant College in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He played only four games before a break in his right hand occurred. At the time of injury, he averaged 19.3 points per game.

Donald served for 35 years as an employee of Alabama Power Company. In 2008, he retired as a safety specialist from Miller Steam Plant. He previously served as a basketball official for the Walker County Basketball Association and as the director of the Upward Basketball program for his home church in Carbon Hill. He and his wife, Pat Plunkett Guthrie, have been married for 49 years. Their family includes one daughter, Dr. Holly Morgan, her husband, Shane, and their son, Max. Donald and Pat currently reside in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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