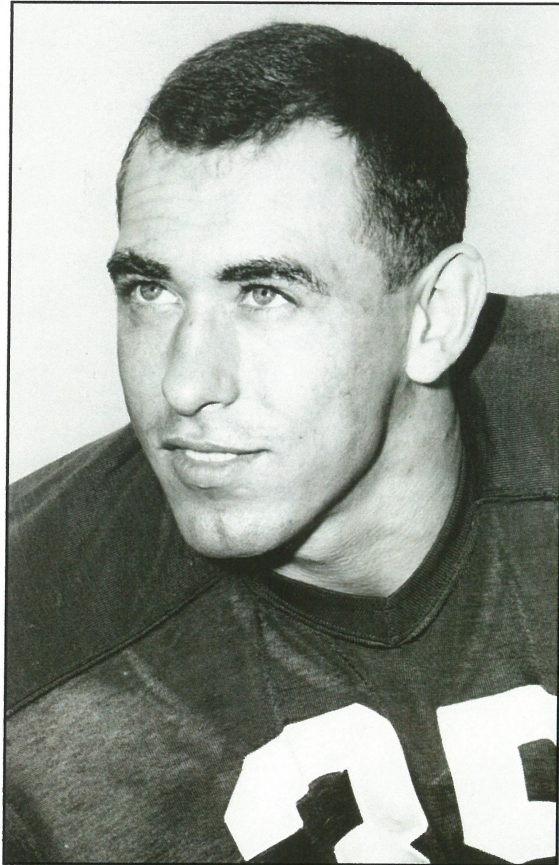


## GENE RABURN

**G**ENE IS A NATIVE OF JASPER AND A GRADUATE OF WALKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WHERE

he lettered in football, baseball, basketball and track. In football he was All-County, All-TVC and All-State, as well as the captain of the team. In one game he scored 4 touchdowns and gained over 400 yards of offense. In track, he set the TVC and the state record in the long jump (22' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "). He was a sprinter, jumper and threw the shot and disc, which shows his versatility. In baseball, he was All-TVC and the captain of the team. Coach D. Joe Gambrell said, "Gene is a versatile player who could start at any position on the team and was a great athlete, leader and captain." His senior year he was selected to play in the Alabama All-Star Classic and after an outstanding performance, where he scored 2 touchdowns and gained 98 yards on 13 carries, he was voted Most Valuable Player of the game.



He received a scholarship to run track and play football for the legendary Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. He played on two National Championship teams and was the starting fullback on the 11-0 1966 team. While at the University of Alabama, he played in the Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and the Orange Bowl.

While at the University, he was enrolled in the ROTC program and received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was stationed on the MDZ in South Korea with the 4th Army missile command. He was also extended the opportunity to both coach and play football throughout the Asian theatre. After an outstanding Army career, he entered the coaching profession at Escambia County High School, home of both Cowboy great Emmett Smith and Bama's Trent Richardson. He then received his MA from Montevallo University where he coached the men's tennis team. His career in administration started as principal of Glenn Oaks Elementary in Birmingham, then a stint as an assistant principal at Walker High School in Jasper, and finally, as Principal of Good Hope High School in Cullman County.

Gene and his wife Judy have two children: Ross, a graduate of West Point with a MBA from Penn State who now lives in Keller, Texas; their daughter, Shea, is a Certified Public Accountant who went to the University of Alabama on a Bryant Scholarship and now lives in Tuscaloosa with her family. Both Gene and Judy are retired and live in Tuscaloosa, where he enjoys golf and grand kids.