

PAT MORRISON

PAT MORRISON, BETTER KNOWN AS “COACH,” WAS BORN IN JASPER, TENNESSEE, JULY 15, 1944, AND ATTENDED MARION

County High School where he was an All-District and All-State football player and received All-Area honors in basketball and baseball. He then signed with Middle Tennessee State University where he was a 4 year letterman in football, and a 2 year letterman in both track and gymnastics. He was a member of an undefeated 10-0 football team that ranked as the number 2 team in America (behind North Dakota State). He received the *Ray Neal Memorial Trophy*, (the senior showing the most improvement academically and athletically over his entire career).

Pat came to Walker County High School in 1968 as the offensive coordinator in football, assistant basketball, and head baseball coach, but he served as the defensive coordinator for the next 20 years, where he coached some of the best defensive players in the history of Walker High School. Pat has the longest continuous tenure of any coach in Walker High School history, beginning in 1968 until his retirement in 2000. During that time, he was also the head track coach, started a boys cross country team, developed an intramural program, and was the athletic director his last 5 years. The two things he is most proud of as athletic director was the building of the new field house and starting a Walker High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame.



After retirement, he has written two books, “Walker County Alabama A Postcard History,” and “Walker County High School Athletics 1920-2000.” Pat now serves as the chairman of the Bankhead House and Heritage Center Committee, on the Board of Directors of the Arts Alliance, member of the Jasper Zoning Board, chairman of the Trustees, a Deacon and Sunday School teacher at New Prospect Baptist Church, and is an avid collector of Walker County memorabilia. He is also a member of the Marion County Tennessee Hall-of-Fame and the Walker High School Hall-of-Fame.

Pat recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his college sweetheart, Helen Strom, the love of his life. They have 2 children Chris Morrison (Wendy) and Kitten Baxter (Allen) and 5 grandchildren: Jersey, Colby and Paisley Morrison and Anna Kathryn and Maitland Baxter.
