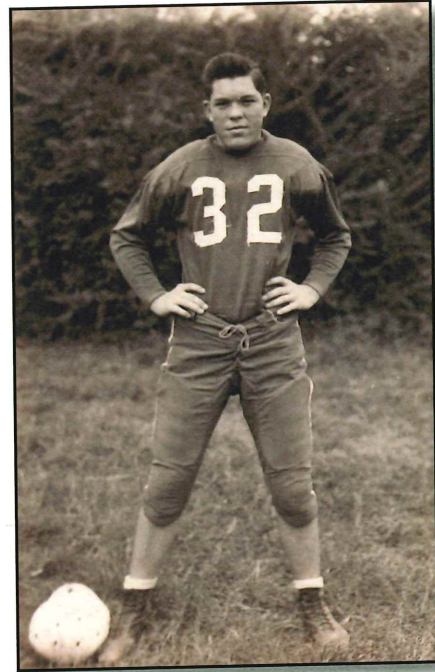# HERBERT MORRISON

HERBERT MORRISON WAS BORN MARCH 3, 1933, IN COAL VALLEY, ALABAMA. HIS PARENTS WERE Robert and Alma Woods Morrison. His father was a coal miner. Herbert spent the first few years of his life in the mining camp. The family moved to Oakman in the mid 1940s. All seven of the family's children graduated from Oakman High School.

He attended Walker College for one year following high school graduation. In December 1952, he married his high school sweetheart, Mildred Sides. The young couple lived in Oakman, Jasper, Sumiton and Birmingham. Herbert worked as a milkman for White Dairy and then sold insurance with Southern United Life. They moved back to Sumiton in 1960. During the early sixties, while still living in Sumiton, Herbert began announcing the Oakman High School home football games. He continued this for over forty years, becoming known as "The Voice of the Oakman Wildcats." Herbert also joined the Lions' Club during this time. Over the next fifty years, he held several local offices in the club, as well as serving as District Governor twice.

The family, which now included daughter, Kathy, and son, David, moved back to Oakman in 1963. Herbert continued his service as the "Voice of the Oakman Wildcats," his membership in the Lions' Club and also was an active member of The Quarterback Club and the PTA. He was nominated for Walker County Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1966.

During the 1960's, he began a career as sales manager for Deep South Creamery. He left there to become State Secretary for Alabama Lions Sight. Herbert finished his working career with the Black Lung Association, retiring in 1995.

Herbert often said when discussing the town of Oakman and Oakman High School, "I just love that place." Herbert passed away in May of 2009. Mildred passed in 2013. Their son, David, predeceased them in 2003. Herbert is remembered with much love by daughter, Kathy, daughter-in-law, Nancy, granddaughter Paige (Greg) and grandson Jordan. Great-grand-daughter Paisley loves to hear stories about "Papa."