

RANDY MORROW

RANDY JOE MORROW WAS THE FIFTH AND LAST SON OF EDWARD AND LOUISE MORROW, BORN JANUARY 27,

1957, in the Argo community of Walker County. He was brought up in a modest lifestyle, with a dad that made sure all of life's needs were met, and a mother that provided a home full of love. Sports played a major part in Randy's life from an early age, being carried to ball parks all over Walker County, to watch his older brothers play. Baseball was Randy's first sport, and first love, joining the Dora youth program at age 7. All-star teams each year made the sport easy to love, but the biggest factor was caring coaches that made the game fun, like Gary Hyche and James Horace Roberts. School sports began in the sixth grade at Sumiton Jr. High. Football and basketball became the focus over the next four years. Team MVP awards and All-County teams followed in both sports. These were good times because of good coaches that were also good people. Tipper Garrison, Frank Barnes and Jerry Vines were positive influences during these developmental years. Jr. High was followed by three great years at Dora High School. As a 3-sport athlete all three years, Randy received numerous individual awards, but enjoyed little team success. All-Tournament teams in basketball, All-County awards in football and baseball, with All-State recognition also in baseball, made his high school years very rewarding. The best team success was a state quarter finals appearance in baseball, during his senior year of 1975. Outstanding play at the Walker-Winston All-Star games played in Jasper, followed by MVP honors at the North Alabama All-Star series, played in Decatur, and then, a solid performance at the East/West - North/South state games in Birmingham, led to a baseball scholarship offer from the University of Montevallo.



Randy was a four year starter at Montevallo, under legendary college coach Bob Riesener. Coach Riesener was a tremendous baseball man, a father figure and remains a close friend to this day. Randy was a part of the first class in school history, to post four consecutive winning seasons. He was voted team MVP twice and established school records for hits (season & career) doubles (season & career) RBI (season & career) home runs (career) and games started (career). He made the All-Southern States Conference team three times, was a two time All-Area and All-Region player, and an NAIA All-American. Scholastically, Randy was a member of ODK (a national honorary leadership society) and his senior year of 1979, was named an NAIA Academic All-American. In 1989, Randy was inducted as a charter member, to the University of Montevallo Sports Hall of Fame.

During the early 80s, Randy traveled the southeast with Birmingham Budweiser, an amateur baseball team made up of former college and professional players. In 1982, he helped lead Birmingham Bud to the National Amateur Baseball Federation National Championship in Louisville, KY. Today, Randy's athletics is limited to some very bad golf, played with a close friend at Musgrove Country Club.

A constant through all this, started with a 10th grade infatuation with the former Jerri Lynn Tuggle, also from Dora. Now, after 40 years of marriage, the couple lives in Pleasant Grove, AL and they have one son, Derek, daughter-in-law, Erin, and two wonderful grandchildren, Will and Linley. Randy is employed by Drummond Company, as Director of Domestic Sales at Perry Supply in Birmingham.

Randy says he is humbled and honored to be included in the Walker County Sports Hall of Fame, class of 2017.