

TERRY HOWELL

TERRY HOWELL WAS BORN OCTOBER 31, 1946, IN CORDOVA, ALABAMA. HE WAS THE THIRD CHILD OF SEVEN CHILDREN

born to Walter and Bertie Lanora Howell, four boys and three girls. He married Paulette Hycche in 1968 and they have one son, Matthew (Matt) Howell. Terry and Paulette lived in Cordova until 2021, when they moved to Huntsville to be near Matt, his wife Laurie and their grandchildren, Rowen and Walt.

During his early days, he was an excellent player on the Toy Bowl team under coach Jerry Lewis. Terry began high school sports in the eighth grade at Cordova High School under coaches Tom Langston and Bink McGinty. From 1961 until 1964, he played for Wayne Grubb, Johnny Grubb and Maury Fowler. While at Cordova, he lettered 4 years in football and 3 years in basketball. Terry was named All-County, All-WAC Conference, and All-State in both 1963 and 1964. He was All-County and All-WAC Conference his junior and senior years in basketball. He was honored as captain of the football team in 1964. During his football career, the team combined a win-loss record of 17-2-1. He was most valuable lineman at Cordova in both his junior and senior years. Terry was often selected to the Daily Mountain Eagle's weekly Football Dream Team. Howell says his most cherished honor was being a member of the 1963 Cordova High Football Team that was honored by being selected as The Birmingham Post Herald 2A High School State Champs.



After finishing high school in 1965, Terry earned a football scholarship to Livingston State College (University of West Alabama). Terry played wide-out, defensive back and punted for three years. In 1966, Terry worked with Wayne Owens of the University of Alabama football team, who came to Livingston as a sponsor and helped establish the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Association. Unfortunately in 1967, he received a severe knee injury that ended his football career. In his last year, he played for Morris Higginbotham and Coach Mickey Andrews, who is a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. In 1970, Andrews led Livingston State to the NAIA National Football Championship.

Terry has supported academics and sports in Cordova and throughout Walker County. He served as a school trustee for each of the three Cordova schools, was a youth coach in baseball and football, and a long-time member of the Cordova Quarterback Club.

Howell worked in the coal industry for 40 plus years and retired in 2013. He enjoys hunting, fishing and golf with friends that he played with and against during his playing days.

None of his awards or honors compare to the enjoyment of time he and Paulette have been able to spend with their grandchildren.