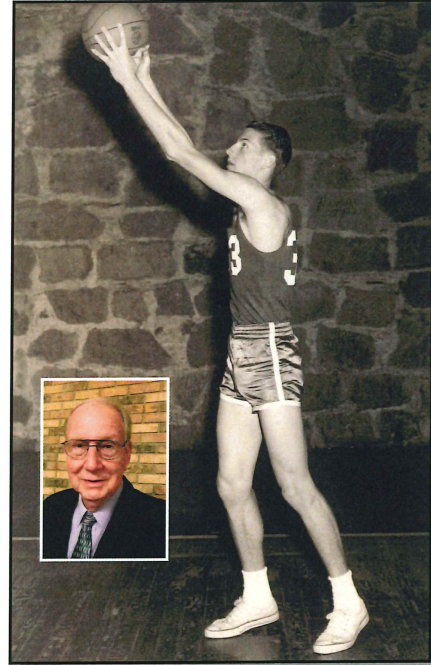


DAVID JOHNSON

DAVID WAS BORN ON MAY 12, 1946, IN JACKSON, TENNESSEE, TO PAUL AND WILMA JOHNSON. HE ALWAYS LOVED

basketball and baseball. His family moved back home to Oakman when he was in the 5th grade.

The move back to Oakman created familiarity with the game of football. He served as football manager for 4 years at Oakman before he started playing the game his junior year. He played tight end his first year and was moved to quarterback his senior year. As quarterback, he accounted for 14 touchdowns, 8 passing and 6 running. He received All-State Honorable Mention honors.



He started playing basketball his freshman year where he made the Junior Varsity B team. He then made Varsity as a sophomore. As a Junior, he made All-Conference, All-County, and was the Wal-Win MVP. David was Captain of the basketball team his Senior year and averaged 30.7 points per game and 23 rebounds. He scored 40 points on two separate occasions. He also scored 55 points against Martin, breaking the county record for most points scored in a game. This record being set long before 3 point shots were allowed to be counted as more than two. That year, he was named to the All-Conference team, All-County team, and All-State team. His 30.7 point average was the highest point production of the All-State team.

He went on to play basketball at Walker College where he scored 20 points and 18 rebounds in his first start. From college, David served our country in the Army with a tour in Vietnam. After returning home from war, he became a partner in Walker County Heating and Cooling where he continued until his retirement in 2017. During this time, he settled in Curry, Alabama, where his boys would continue his love for basketball and football.

David served as President of his senior class, President of FFA, Beta Club, Student Council, Science Club, "O" Club, and was a member of Epsilon Eta Kappa. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Bonnie, for 57 years. They have 3 children, Allen, Brandy, and Daryl and have 5 grandchildren.