

JAMES HUBBERT

JAMES WAS BORN AUGUST 20, 1938, IN FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA. HIS PARENTS WERE

Albert and Maxine Hubbert. James attended Fayette County High School where he starred in football, basketball and baseball. He was selected as MVP in football and was named to the Birmingham Post All-State team as a running back. In the summer of 1956, he was selected to play in the Alabama High School All-Star football game and was named Most Valuable Offensive Back in that game. He was then chosen as the Wigwam High School All-American. He also played on the FCHS basketball team that placed 3rd in the State Basketball Tournament.

After graduation, James was awarded a 2 year scholarship to Itawamba Jr. College in Fulton, Mississippi, where he was chosen to play in the Junior College All-Star game and received the ultimate honor of Jr. College All-American. A shoulder injury in the All-Star game kept him from receiving a scholarship offer from Coach Bryant at Alabama. He tried out and earned a scholarship for his final 2 years at Delta State College in Cleveland, Mississippi. Delta State was to play in their first ever bowl game and after a scoreless first half, James returned the 2nd half kick-off 95 yards and then scored on the next play to lead DSC to a 19-0 victory.

After graduation from college, he spent the next 14 years coaching in Florida and Alabama while also playing in the Southern Professional Football League with the Tuscaloosa Warriors. He then came to Curry High School where he coached for 10 years achieving a record of 55-38-7 making him the winningest coach in Curry history. His 1965 team was ranked as the number 1 team in the state for a number of weeks before being beaten by Carbon Hill 7-0, eliminating them from the state playoffs. He was also selected as Wal-Win "Coach of the Year" in 1968. He later served 20 years as an assistant principal and principal at Curry. James is also a member of the Fayette County Sports Hall-of-Fame.

He has been married to his college sweetheart, Billie Ruth Moore, for 56 years. They have 2 sons: Tracy and Clay Hubbert and 4 granddaughters: Katie, Luran (Tommy), Kristin and Blair and 5 great grandchildren: Maddie, Jaylee, Kenna, JP, and Mason. James still resides in the Curry community where many of his former players frequently drop by to see their "old coach."

