

## DWIGHT (MULE) BENNETT

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**D**WIGHT WAS ONE OF CURRY'S FINEST ATHLETES - A PRODUCT OF THE 1960'S, HE WAS ONE OF MANY GREAT

athletes that came out of Curry High School during these years. In the 60's Curry High School would had some of its greatest athletic accomplishments in football and basketball. Dwight played for legendary and "Hall of Fame" Coach Travis Hudson as well as coaches Bruce Abbott and James Hubbert. He played on Curry's perfect season football team in 1965. During his three varsity football years at Curry their football teams won approximately twenty-four games while losing only five. Dwight was selected as "First Team All-State" in football in 1967.

As great as Dwight was in football, his basketball talents were second to none. While playing center for the Curry basketball teams in 1965, 1966, and 1967, Curry won approximately seventy games with twelve or less losses. Dwight was a major leader in developing the Curry High School Chant, "Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum, Tuscaloosa here WE come!!" The Alabama State Basketball Tournament was played at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa during the 60's and during this time, Curry High School held a permanent parking place. Dwight helped lead Curry to a STATE 3rd place Finish in 1966 and runner up STATE CHAMPION in 1967. He was an All-State Player and was named twice to the All State Tournament First Team. Dwight was a participant on the 1967 team that defeated eventual 3A State Champion, Scottsboro, during the regular season. This was Scottsboro's only loss during the year. Many in Curry say this was the greatest game ever played by a Curry basketball team. Team members during these years, Curt Miller and Wayne Wilson, still say he was the greatest basketball center to ever play at Curry High School.

Dwight was the youngest of four Bennett boys and a sister. His parents were Charlie and Dona Bennett. They grew up in the heart of Old Herman, a suburb of Curry, and this little community produced some of Curry's finest athletes. He is married to the former Brenda Tyree. They have two daughters, Shanda and Carla, and three grandchildren.

Dwight had numerous opportunities to continue his athletic career after high school, but chose to go to work in the coal mines in Walker County. He recently retired with more than forty years of service.

