

JOEL RAY NARAMORE

JOEL RAY NARAMORE WAS BORN IN WALKER COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 6, 1943.

Joel Naramore had a blend of talent with tremendous speed and quickness rarely matched by any athlete in his day. Whatever the sport, he excelled.

In his senior football season in 1960, Naramore scored 14 of his team's 24 touchdowns. Thirteen of his scoring plays were from 15 to 82 yards and in seven games. Hamstring and toe injuries stopped him in two games.

As a basketball guard, Joel led Martin in scoring and helped guide Martin to its only state playoff berth in school history.

Naramore later was a starting guard on the only Walker Junior College basketball team to ever compete in the National Junior College Tournament.

He was an unanimous selection to the All-County and All-Wal-Win Conference football and basketball teams.

Joel's resume includes being one of the final 40 qualifiers in the 2005 FLW "All America" Tournament, a national qualifying event that included tens of thousands of anglers across America. Joel was a "Class A" tennis player and excelled as an outfielder for Gorgas in the Birmingham Amateur Baseball Federation.

Through it all, Joel was as unselfish and unassuming as he was an outstanding athlete. He always let his performance do his talking, and it spoke volumes.

