

LARRY HINDS

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY IN 1940, JAMES AND JEANETTE HINDS WELCOMED THEIR SON,

weighing almost 11 pounds, and they named him James Larry Hinds. His childhood was filled with school, scouting, church activities, and sports. Hours were spent tossing a baseball to his dad and shooting hoops in the driveway. By the time Larry entered the ninth grade at Carbon Hill High School, he was a lean, 6'3" teen and grew another inch during high school.

While there, Larry participated in every sport available and lettered all four years in football, baseball, and basketball. He was honored to be selected Walker All-County in football, 1958; baseball, 1958; and basketball, 1957-1958. Additionally, he was All-State in 1958 in basketball, and was a member of the Beta Club, President, and Valedictorian of his Senior Class.

Huntingdon College, Montgomery, offered him a scholarship in baseball and basketball. He graduated in 1963, was president of his class, and is a member of the Huntingdon Athletic Hall of Fame. With a BS in History/Education, Larry returned home and coached at Carbon Hill. He was instrumental in creating a summer baseball league for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Larry then became the head basketball coach at Banks High School in Birmingham and also coached the golf team which won the State Championship. He laughingly stated that all he did was, "drive them to the matches." Next Larry became the Head Basketball Coach at Clarkston High School, Atlanta. While pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Administration at the University of Alabama, Larry had a blind date with his future wife, Harriet Hicks, from Birmingham.

In 1969 Larry became an administrator in the Cobb County School District, Marietta, GA and served as an Assistant Principal, a High School principal, and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. He entered the private sector in 1980 and was a financial planner until his retirement in 1997.

Retirement has been fun and active for the Hinds family. Having no children, they have been free to travel extensively. For 45 years they have lived in the same house on 15 acres, and Larry still maintains the property and cuts wood for their Buck stove. They are active members of their church where Larry has served on several committees. Fishing is still fun, although catching seems to be a little more elusive. If the weather is decent Larry is on the golf course. He has made a "hole-in-one" seven times and his goal for years has been to "shoot my age." As the years keep rushing by, that has become a more realistic goal!

