

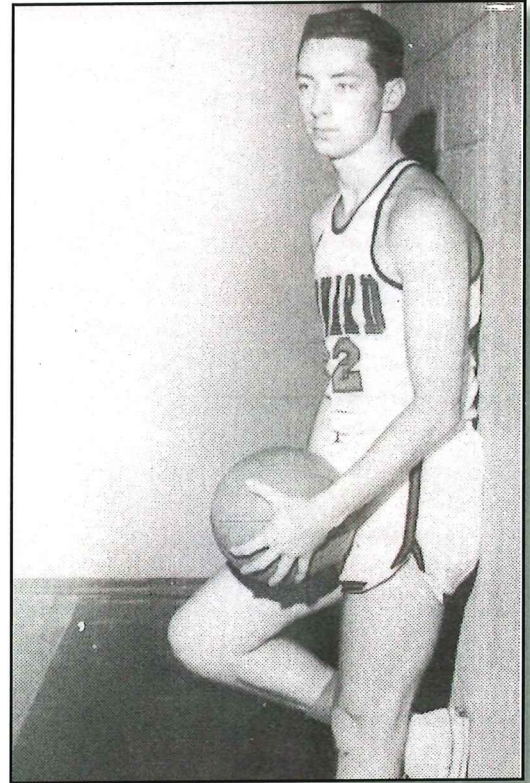
JOE MURRAY

JOE MURRAY WAS BORN JULY 2, 1939 IN CALUMET, ALABAMA TO PARENTS VICTORIA AND RALPH MURRAY.

Calumet was a small mining camp between Jasper and Parrish, Alabama.

Joe's sports background started when he attended Owen Junior High School, where he made the All-County team in basketball, heavyweight and lightweight classes. He then attended Walker County High School and was MVP on the 1957 basketball team. Joe made the All-County teams in basketball and baseball. He also made All Tennessee Valley Conference in basketball. Walker County High School won the Tennessee Valley Tournament that same year. In addition to sports, Joe was a National Honor Society student during his time at Walker County High School.

After high school, Joe was awarded a basketball scholarship to attend Walker College. He played two years under the coaching of Dr. Ralph Tanner. In his two year basketball career at Walker College, he scored over 600 points and made the National Junior College Region VII All-Tournament team in 1959.



After junior college, Joe received a basketball scholarship to Howard College (currently Samford University). He played in 1960 and 1961 under Coach Walter Barnes, where he scored 535 points during his two years there. He was a member of the 1961 team that went 23-1, which was the best in Samford University school history. In his four years of playing college basketball, Joe scored over 1100 points.

Joe graduated in 1962 with a B.S. degree in pharmacy. He was in the top 5 of his graduating class. His pharmacy career started in Fayette, Alabama in 1962, where he was co-owner of Central Drug Company for 15 years. During his time in Fayette, he continued his love of competition, playing tennis. He won the Fayette County Championship tournament in the 35 and older age group. He also played on his church softball league team where he won MVP of the league. Joe practiced pharmacy for over 55 years with the majority of his career spent in the Walker County area. He retired in 2017.

Joe has three children, Cindy, Joey, and Emily and three grandchildren. He passed his love of sports on to them and continues to enjoy his favorite teams competing in whatever season it is. Joe loves his hometown of Jasper, Alabama and will always support sports and academics going hand in hand.