

## JODIE MCGOUGH BICE

**J**ODIE MCGOUGH BICE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 1, 1972, TO JERRY AND SANDY MCGOUGH. SHE IS A 1991 GRADUATE OF

Carbon Hill High School. Jodie excelled in academics and athletics, graduating as class salutatorian, and was a member of 4 state championships and 2 state runners-up. She was a 4-year letterman in volleyball and softball and a 2-year member of the basketball program which was discontinued after her sophomore season due to a lack of interest.

Jodie was a four-year starter at pitcher for the softball program. She led the team to the 1991 4A State Softball Championship and was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The program also won numerous area, region, Walker County Championships, West Alabama Conference titles and invitational tournaments during her career. Also, the softball program won 188 games and had an incredible 83% winning percentage. Individually, during all these wins, Jodie earned many most valuable player and all tournament accolades. She was also selected as the team's most valuable player all 4 seasons. Coach Tracy Whitt, when asked about Jodie's talent, stated that Jodie had the ability to make great hitters struggle at the plate.



Jodie was also an integral part of the success of the volleyball program as a four-year starter. The program won 201 matches and achieved an impressive 89% winning percentage leading to a three-peat as 4A State Champions in 1988, 1989, and 1990. Jodie was selected as a member of the All-State team in 1990, as well as many all area, region, and conference honors during her volleyball career. Jodie was selected to the Alabama Volleyball Coaches Association All-Star North team in 1990. The award she most cherishes is being the recipient of the Mattie Sue Hollingsworth Award in 1991. This honor is selected by teammates and is the highest leadership award bestowed to a CHHS female athlete.

Jodie attributes the success of the Lady Bulldogs to several factors. In her words, the players were aggressive and determined, devoted teammates who believed and trusted one another, a very supportive parent/fan base and a faith in the dedication and leadership of their coach. Coach Whitt added that CHHS had many great and dedicated athletes during her tenure. It takes numerous outstanding players who possess an array of physical and mental abilities to have that much success. Certainly, Jodie was an integral part of these accomplishments and is very deserving of this Walker County Hall of Fame honor.

Jodie's goal was to play collegiate softball. However, the softball world was in the transition from slow pitch to fast pitch of which she had little experience. Upon high school graduation, Jodie signed a volleyball letter-of-intent with Jacksonville State University. In her freshmen season the Lady Gamecocks won the Gulf South Conference Championship and Jodie contributed with an 85% service percentage. Due to a leg injury before her sophomore season, Jodie's collegiate career came to an end.

Jodie has two adult children: Meagan Smith, Landon Bice, and son-in-law, Mason. Jodie has one granddaughter, Ava Claire Smith, and anxiously awaits the arrival of her first grandson, Colin Andrew Smith. Jodie has worked for Alabama Power Company for 16 plus years and is currently a plant control operator at Miller Steam Plant.