

WAYNE WILSON

**WAYNE'S NAME WILL ALWAYS
COME UP WHEN YOU HEAR
SOMEONE TALK ABOUT**

Curry High School's greatest athletes. He was one of the many premier athletes during the 60's that made Curry's reputation as being one of the most athletic schools in the state. During this period, Curry was renowned as a school that excelled in all athletics and Wayne was a star athlete in every sport he participated in.

Wilson excelled in Track and Field winning the County and Wal-Win Conference in the events of 100 yard dash in 1967 and 220 yard dash, long jump, triple jump and the high jump in 1966 and 1967.

On the football field, Wayne again was known as one of Curry's most talented athletes. He played for the Hall of Fame Coach "Travis Hudson" and Coach "James Hubbert". These coaches instilled in him the desire to excel and be the best he could be. Wayne was a three year player, starting his junior and senior year as a running back and defensive back. During these three years, Curry's team had a combined record of approximately twenty four wins with only five losses. Wayne received an "All-County" and "All Wal-Win" Conference Player Award in 1966 and 1967 and as a senior, he was chosen by the *Daily Mountain Eagle* sports department and coaches as the *Daily Mountain Eagle's* Most Valuable Player.

Wayne's quickness, agility and ability to score led him to be one of Curry's top basketball players. Again playing for the Hall of Fame Coach "Travis Hudson" and Coach "Bruce Abbott", who helped him develop his potential and further his ability and skills to be a star as well as a team player. Wayne averaged twenty points a game during his junior and senior years while proving to be a leader and star player on a team that was loaded with All-Star athletes. Wayne was instrumental in assisting his team to defeat Scottsboro the 3A State Champion team in 1967. Curry was their only loss that year. Wayne helped lead this Curry team to two state tournament appearances, a third place finish in 1966 and a Runner-Up State Champion in 1967, where Wayne was named as an All-State selection and the Most Valuable Player in the State Tournament. He was selected to play in the North-South All-Star basketball game and helped lead the North team to their victory.

Wayne was offered opportunities to continue his athletic career from various colleges with Walker College being one of them. Walker College was known as one of the top two year colleges in academics, as well as sports, so the selection of Walker College and playing for the legendary Hall of Fame "Coach Glen Clem" was an easy choice for him. During his two years there, Walker College won the State Junior College Championship both years.

Completing his college years, Wayne had an opportunity to work in the mining industry, where he worked for twenty-six years. He then began working for the State of Alabama Interior Department with the Mine Reclamation Division as an equipment operator and later as a Field Foreman. He retired in 2013 after seventeen years there. He now enjoys fishing, family and traveling. Wayne is one of nine children and his parents are the late James and Inez Wilson. He has been married to Glenda Johnsey for forty-four years and they have two children, Chad Wilson and wife, Andrea Kiker Wilson, and Haley Wilson Moore, husband Stephen Moore. They have five grandchildren, Hunter and John Andrew Wilson, and triplets, Ryley, Kinley and Liam Moore.

