

Tecumseh Athletic Hall of Fame 2004 Inductees



Rollie Dulaney

Rollie was born on May 8, 1933 in Clark County. His father and mother were Carl and Gladys Dulaney. He has a brother, Merle, and a sister, Norma. Rollie was born in Pike Township, but spent his early years in Medway. He attended Medway Elementary School and Olive Branch High School.

While at OB, Rollie excelled in track, baseball, and basketball. Rollie played under Coach Frank Shannon, who is a past inductee of the Tecumseh Hall of Fame.

In 1949, the baseball team played 7 games. Rollie pitched in 3 of those 7 games. Not only was he an outstanding pitcher, but also a terrific and sure-handed infielder, not to mention the leading base stealer. In a ball game on October 15, 1949, OB won the game 2 to 1. Rollie scored both runs - scoring the deciding run by stealing home to win the game.

Olive Branch played in the Clark County League at that time. The league consisted of New Carlisle, North Hampton, Plattsburg, Catawba, South Charleston, and Olive Branch.

Rollie's game was basketball. He was the starting guard, along with Ronnie Moore for the Olive Branch basketball team. Rollie was quick and he averaged 24 points per game on the 1949 team. Rollie and Ronnie were known as "The Gold Dust Twins" throughout Clark County and the district. Headlines in all the sports pages read "Dulaney and Moore give Olive Branch a victory". They were the fastest guards in the state. One headline, in particular, on December 11, 1949, read: "Rollie Dulaney and Ronnie Moore unleash a fast break attack that was too much for Northwestern team". The score was OB 61 and Northwestern 23. The Gold Dust Twins outscored the opponent by themselves, Dulaney with 15 and Moore with 14.

Rollie Dulaney led the league in scoring that year with Ronnie Moore, John Robb and Don Scott also in the top 10 for scoring. OB won the league that year and Rollie was named 1st Team All-County and also received 2nd Team All-State.

After graduation from OB, Rollie was employed by Fyr-Fyter Products in Dayton. He sold and serviced all types of fire fighting safety equipment. While working at Fyr-Fyter, he and his partners opened Medway Bowling Lanes. Rollie was president of the bowling lanes. He became a member of the Clark County Bowling Association. He always promoted bowling for the youth groups and traveling bowling teams.

Along with his bowling lanes position, he also opened the Dulaney Fire Equipment Company and he owned this company for 10 years. After he sold this business, Rollie entered Clark State where he received his Law Enforcement Degree. He became a Deputy for the Clark County Sheriff's Department. During this time, he would talk to businesses and neighborhoods and was instrumental in starting the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Later, Rollie was hired by the Clark County Municipal Court System, where he served as Chief Bailiff and Personal Bailiff to Judge Douglas Geyer. Rollie passed away in April of 1988.

Rollie enjoyed sports of all kinds during his lifetime. He played golf and built and flew model airplanes. He was a member of the 5-Mac, Springfield Model Airplane Club. He and his wife Nancy loved to vacation in Michigan, hunting their favorite Morel Mushrooms.

Rollie and Nancy have three children - daughters Rollie and Rhonda, and a son, Daryl. They have four grandchildren, Matthew and Paul, and Erin and Brian.