

Allen Trovillion

2006 WPHS Alumni Circle of Distinction

Allen was born just two football fields from today's Ninth Grade Center that was then Winter Park High School, housing grades 7 to 12. When he graduated, four of his classmates had already left to fight in WWII, leaving only 38.

Allen entered the 7th grade with excitement to be able to participate in athletics. Mr. Warren, the basketball and swimming coach, started Allen in both in the 7th grade. When basketball was eliminated the next year, Allen stayed with swimming and went to State in the 9th grade. He kept on training although meets were canceled due to gas rationing until a meet with Tampa Hillsborough in 12th grade that he won. This six year effort prepared him for the University of Florida after being discharged from the Army Air Corps. He swam 2 years for Florida, lettered, and was elected into the Florida F Club.

Football became Allen's love his last three years at WPHS. His senior year a team of twenty was ready to play! Allen played center on offense and defensive back. His team was undefeated in conference play and the first WPHS team to win the conference title. Allen played all eleven games without being taken out. He was co-captain of the WPHS team and received "first team" recognition on the conference team. He still has his bronze football saying, "43 Conference Champs".

After college Allen passed on his love of sports to others, coaching baseball over a forty year period, first in Babe Ruth League with four undefeated years, then Little League, Pony League, and high school. Allen became a general building contractor and has lived a life of service to Winter Park and the State of Florida as mayor of Winter Park from 1962-66 and District 36 Representative in the Florida Legislature from 1994 to 2002.

Allen was on the Ninth Judicial Circuit Nominating Committee, was a Representative, Florida State House, 1994-2002, Orange County Delegation, Chair, 2001 and Winter Park, Mayor, during the critical time of 1962-1967. Moreover, he was with Associated Builders and Contractors, was a Boy Scouts of America Scout Master, member of Christian Businessmen's Committee of Winter Park, Citrus Club Board of Governors, the Economic Development Committee of mid-Florida, the Florida League of Municipalities Board Member, founding member of the Orange County School Foundation Board, and on the Regional Board of the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to being a board member of Junior Achievement, Allen is a member of Northland

Community Church. He was past president of the Central Florida Builders Exchange, , Rotary Club of Winter Park, United Way of Winter Park, University of Central Florida Foundation and was a Little League, Pony League and high school baseball coach. He is Board Chair of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce Advisory Committee.

Allen was honored as a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and a Jaycee Man of the Year. He is also a past Trustee of the Winter Park Memorial Hospital, 1967-1974.

Like their father, three of Allen's children, Davey, Missi, and Mandi, went on to play college sports.