



Billy Grant
Class of 1955
(Posthumous)

Billy Grant distinguished himself as a “Mighty Golden Tiger” on the football and baseball fields while attending Tuskegee Institute from 1952 until 1955. Entering Tuskegee on an academic scholarship, he became well known for his stellar performance on the football field as quarter back and the baseball field as pitcher. The strength , speed and accuracy in his delivery of the ball to the plate earned him the title “Ace Fireballer”. He was humbled by the experiences he had in the sports arena at Tuskegee while being coached and tutored by Allison Figaro and the coaching giant “Major Cleve Abbott. He considered it a signal honor to have played in the last game coached by Major Abbott on Thanksgiving Day, 1954.

Grant’s professional and military career carried him many places from his hometown of Opelika, Alabama landing him at his final destination, Glendale, Arizona. He spent more than 30 years progressively increasing his experience in personnel management and administrative procedures. He completed a military tour of duty in the United States Air Force earning the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

Billy’s love for his Alma Mater caused him to continue his contact with the university by participating in alumni activities. He was an active member of the Phoenix Tuskegee Alumni Club and the South Western Region, Tuskegee National Alumni Association.