



Nathaniel Thomas

Class of 1951

Nathaniel was born in Tampa, Florida, attended the local schools graduating from Middleton High School in 1947. He was an outstanding high school athlete excelling in basketball and football. He was a member of the Florida State Basketball champion teams of 1945 and 1946 and was named the National High School Basketball Tournament runner-up.

Nathaniel athletic prowess continued at Tuskegee University in 1947 when he enrolled and joined the "Golden Tiger" football and basketball teams. From the position of forward on the basketball team he lettered each of his years of play. He was a member of the SIAC Championship team in 1947-48 and was also runner-up for the SIAC Tournament Championship team in 1948-49 and 1949-50. He was the team captain in 1950. Nathaniel's outstanding performance continued in his second sport, baseball. He was catcher for the baseball team for four years, 1947-1951. He was named most Athletic by his peers in 1951.

Following his graduation from Tuskegee, he received the ROTC Commission 2nd Lieutenant, U. S. Army and volunteered for active duty. He served a tour of active duty in Korea earning the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

After completing his Military tour of duty in 1954, he and his family moved to California where he worked in several capacities including postal clerk and carrier, Junior High School Teacher and Assistant Principal. Most of his professional career was spent with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Juvenile Division.

Nathaniel Thomas died January 29, 1993. He is survived by his wife and 11 children.