

JOHN (JOHNNY) H. REYNOLDS Class of 1962

John (Johnny) H. Reynolds served as proof that academics and athletics can go hand and hand. He received the outstanding freshman academic athletic award, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Achievement Academic Scholarship Award and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Playing basketball under Coach Ross Owens and Thomas Hardwick and baseball under Allison Figaro for three years, Reynolds was All SIAC Tournament in basketball, All SIAC Team in baseball and NCAA All S. E. District Team - Division II. For three consecutive years in basketball he averaged 32 points per game. An Industrial Arts major, three of the most influential people in his life were Mr. Harold Webb Head of Mechanical Industries, Coach Ross Owens and Dean Thomas Hardwick.

Graduating from Tuskegee in 1962, Johnny continued as an Industrial Art Teacher, Assistant Principal, Counselor and Coach. Taking the Tuskegee Credo of Hands, Heart and Head as his own he served his community in many capacities, as a trustee of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church, a Little League Basketball and Baseball coach and official as well as a volunteer community policeman in Mounds, Illinois, and as a sponsor of Kiwanas Club of Vienna, Illinois. His service continued with his work with the American Cancer Society, the St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, the State of Illinois Penal System and Youth Program.

A member of several education associations, the NAACP, Kappa Alpha Psi, the Lily of the Valley Lodge #56 and the Illinois Athletic Association, Johnny received several honors after graduation. They include the Governor's Distinguished Service Award for the State of Illinois, Employee of the Year - Illinois State Correctional System, Illinois Athletic Association Official Recommendation and the Kiwanas Distinguished Leader Award.

Johnny Reynolds passed in 1975 after a three year illness. He continued his dedication to his family and his community during his illness in his usual quiet and reserved manner.