

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Edward R. Woolridge

Class of 1931

EDWARD R. WOOLRIDGE, Class of 1931, was a member of the baseball team during his years at Tuskegee and served as the captain of the 1928 team under Coach Cleve Abbott. During his baseball career, he was named as the conference's "Most Outstanding Short-stop" by the sport writer "Ric" Roberts."

As an outstanding member of the varsity football team, he played halfback and quarterback under coaches Cleve Abbott and Ross C. Owen.

In the First Battalion ROTC, Woolridge was a major under the late Brig. General Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.

Since leaving Tuskegee, Edward completed a course in Mortuary Science at Guyston Jones School of Mortuary Science, Nashville, Tennessee, and has worked as a licensed mortician and director. At the present time, he is manager of Friendly City Mortuary in Anderson, South Carolina and a trustee at Thompson Centennial United Methodist Church.

Athletics has continued to play an important part in the life of this inductee, as he played semi-professional baseball in 1926 with the

Cleveland Elites in Cleveland, Ohio; coached the Reed Street High School "Blue Devils" football team from 1932-1951, and served as a state football official from 1932-1951.

Woolridge has two daughters: Mrs. Edmonia W. Hood, principal of Wilson Middle School, Seattle, Washington; and Dorothy Woolridge, a sophomore at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina. He is married to the former Ernestine Oliver, a teacher in Anderson County School System.