

# Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

## Haywood Scissum

Class of 1948

HAYWOOD SCISSUM, '48 - was an outstanding football and track star while at Tuskegee. Because of his versatility he played end and tackle on the football team.

Scissum's coaching career has been outstanding. He guided his high school football team to 135 victories, 29 losses and 11 ties (winning strings were 16, 24, and 36 games without defeat). The 36 winning string is still a state record. His district honors include being chosen coach of the year nine times, runner-up six times and led football team to conference championship 11 times and runner-up four times. In state competition, he led his track team to 2 state championships, and one runner-up (first Black school so honored.)

Since being at Tuskegee Coach Scissum has been named coach of the year by Birmingham Grid Forecasters; runner-up in Pittsburg Coach of the Year; winner of the Ralph C. Robinson award and the SIAC team coach award. He has guided his alma mater's football team to a 32 won and 15 record, an average of 8 wins and 3 losses.

Haywood has received an award from the National and Regional Red Cross, awards from the Southeastern Tuskegee Alumni and the Talladega-Tuskegee Alumni, meritorious awards from the cities of Sylacauga and Tuskegee, Alabama.

Scissum is married to the former Miss Mary M. Morris; they are the parents of two children, Deborah and Karyn.

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## IN MEMORIAM



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**Haywood "Coach" Scissum**, distinguished athlete, educator, humanitarian, cherished by those whose lives he touched. He was a chartered member of the Hall of Fame Steering Committee. Since the inauguration of the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame he supported it enthusiastically and worked unrelentingly to develop, implement and sustain it. Because of his versatile stellar performance on the playing fields while at Tuskegee, he was a member of the inaugural class of inductees in 1974.

Haywood Scissum's life was filled with success stories, those of his own and those in the lives of the young men and women he nurtured. His love for athletics, Alma Mater and coaching was reflected in his conversation as well as in his success as a coach. He was twice honored by his colleagues as Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year" and three times by the Birmingham Grid Forecasters. He was also named "Coach of the Year" by the One Hundred Percent Wrong Club, the National Black Network, JET Magazine and others. His tenure at his Alma Mater ended prematurely as a result of failing health. His clear unmistakable impression in his profession and the very notable marks he made in the lives of the many young men and women will continue to be a present and constant source of inspiration.

Haywood Scissum, a gentleman, a winner, a legend, our lives are so much better because God shared one of his most precious gems with us. **The lessons he taught on the playing fields and wherever he touched a life will remain with us always - team effort, respect for all, caring and sharing, fairness, sportsmanship and spirit, never settle for less than the best.** We are better people and the world is a better place because he lived.