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Jack R. Knight

Class of 19389

JACK R. KNIGHT, Class of 1938. "Jack the Ripper", as he was affectionately known to Tuskegeeseans, was born in Coffeyville, Kansas. His athletic achievements began at Kansas Vocational School (KVS) Topeka, Kansas in 1930, where he was: Football - all conference and all state three years, captain 2 years; Basketball - all conference two years; Track - all state Champion 1931-1932-1933; High point KVS, Relays, state meet. On relay team that placed nationally in Chicago National Meet, 1932, 2nd mile relay.

In 9 years of competition he earned 9 varsity letters at KVS. Jack came to Tuskegee in 1934 to continue his illustrious career as an athlete.

Football: Position, Full-Back; all conference, 1935
2nd Team All American, 1935

Basketball: 1935-1936-1937; all conference 1935-1936
Team High Scorer, 1936-1937, and the first to use the
Hook shot at Tuskegee

Track: 1935-1936-1937

Team Captain Penn relays, Mile relay - 2nd 1935, Mile
relay - 2nd 1936; 400 Meter Hurdler - 2nd 1936,
High Point trophy, New Orleans Relays

As before, he emerged a champion with 9 varsity letters in four years. After leaving Tuskegee in 1937, Jack worked as a shipping clerk in NYC, then went into the U. S. Service in 1941 to spend 4½ years. While in the service he won 400 meter dash in Frankfurt, Germany all service track, and all star tourna-

ment in service Basketball in Atlerbury S indeana.

From the service Jack returned to Coffeyville to spend 5 years with the Coffeyville Police Department, Coffeyville, Kansas. He finished the Kansas Police Academy, Wichita, Kansas and worked with the Wichita Police Department.

In 1973 Jack retired from government employment in security. He is married to Sue Wood, a Tuskegee graduate, and the proud father of one son, Richard E. Knight.