



LEROY J. PORTER
"Radio Red"
Class of 1952

Leroy J. Porter, affectionately known to his classmates and friends at Tuskegee as "Radio Red." "Radio Red" began his list of honors while in high school as a member of the Florida State Championship Team in 1947 and 1948; three times All-State High School Basketball Team - 1946, 1947, 1948; and in 1948 he was a member of the National High School All-American Basketball Team.

His prowess continued at Tuskegee in football and basketball. He was four times All-Conference Basketball Player - 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952; All-SIAC in football, 1951; held the Tuskegee all time scoring record in 1950; and held the SIAC Individual Single-Game Scoring Record, 1949 to 1951. His AAU play included Captain of the Bartow Air Force Base team, Captain and Coach of the Tyndall Air Force Base team, AAU Champion Collegians, St. Louis, Missouri, and others.

His life's work was destined to be centered around sports and recreation since he was leaving Tuskegee armed with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Recreation in 1952. He began immediately as First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, developing and supervising programs, park playgrounds, and recreation programs in hospitals. He has continued through 30 years in various positions, such as Corrective Therapist, Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri; Recreation Leader, Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn, New York; and Teacher of the Art of Recreation to the retarded at the Institute of Applied Human Dynamics, Bronx, New York.

Mr. Porter is married to Vernell Barber Porter, and they have six (6) children, and one (1) grandchild.