



LULA BELL SMITH
Class of 1957

Lula Bell Smith, Miami, Florida, was a member of the basketball and track and field teams at Tuskegee from 1951 through 1957. Under the influence of the legendary mentors of Cleveland Abbott, Nell Jackson and Allison Figaro, Lula set many records in basketball in scoring and rebounds and twice voted the best female athlete at Tuskegee, and four Tuskegee Relay events.

After graduation in 1957, Lula became a legend in the State of Florida in track and field. Serving as a health/personal fitness teacher, she led her teams to victory in track meets in the Dade County (Miami) as well as the State. She was selected as Dade County's female track coach of the year for 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978. She received many commendations from the National Coach of the Year Committees and represented Dade County at the first National Institute on Girls Sports in 1963.

She holds membership in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, She has served as Sunday School teacher and President of the deaconess board of the Mt. Olivette Missionary Baptist Church.