



RAYMOND HEAD, JR.
Class of 1943

Raymond Head, Jr., Griffin, Georgia, was a member of the varsity football and track teams for four years. Nicknamed "Racehorse" because of his swiftness in football and track, he was a member of the T-Club, ROTC, Who's Who, Treasurer of his class for four years, and voted the Most Ideal Boy of the Senior Class.

After graduation he entered the United States Armed Forces and served with the 372nd Infantry Division achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He has 38 years business experience in tailoring and as co-owner of Cleanwell Cleaners.

The Honorable Raymond Head currently serves as the Mayor of the City of Griffin, Georgia, which position he also held in 1977; served as Mayor Pro Tem in 1975; and was the first Black elected to the Griffin Board of City Commissioners in 1971.

He is a member of Heck Chapel United Methodist Church, and has served as its treasurer for 35 years. He also holds membership in the Vaughn-Blake VFW Post 8480; Morgan-Brown American Legion Post 546; Griffin-Spalding Civic Improvement League; the NAACP; Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce; the Georgia Municipal Association; and served as delegate to the National Democratic Convention to elect President Jimmy Carter.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including his induction this week into the Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame; Outstanding Citizen of Spalding County Award, 1969; Certificate of Merit, Tuskegee National Alumni Association, 1970; Distinguished Servant Award, Mayor, Businessman, Religious and Civic Leader, 1977, Ft. Valley State College 38th Annual Award; Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1977-78; Cleve L. Abbott Award, Tuskegee National Alumni Association, 1979 and 1984; Humanitarian Service, Xi Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc., 1985; and the Roy Wilkins Freedom Award, Griffin Branch, NAACP, 1985.

The Heads (Raymond and Ceola, a Tuskegee graduate) have two (2) daughters, Cheryl Shopshire and Raylanda Anderson; one (1) son, Raymond Head, III; two granddaughters and three grandsons.