

ALBERT CHAINEY UMPHREY

Albert Umphrey was born in Montgomery, Alabama. At an early age, he and his family migrated to Indianapolis, Indiana where he spent the rest of his life. He attended elementary school at School #37 and Crispus Attucks High School. While attending Attucks, he lettered in football, basketball and track.

After high school, he worked in the C.C. Camps and then went on to the Army. In the Army he became the Armed Services Heavy-Height Boxing Champion. He also did several tours of duty throughout Europe before returning home after attaining the rank of Master Sergeant.

Mr. Umphrey attended Tennessee A. & I. State University. At Tennessee State, he was constantly on the Honor Roll and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1947. He also played football and basketball while at State. As a football player, Mr. Umphrey attained All-American status and was drafted into the Pro ranks by the Chicago Bears. Mr. Umphrey has also been enshrined in the Tennessee State Hall of Fame for his football accomplishments.

Instead of football, Mr. Umphrey chose a career in Education. In 1948, Mr. Umphrey began his teaching and coaching career. Mr. Umphrey began his educational teaching and coaching career at School #37, the same school he attended as a child. At #37, he taught social studies and worked with the Boys Scouts. Mr. Umphrey coached football, basketball, track and field, and softball. All his teams won several City Championships.

Mr. Umphrey eventually returned to his high school alma mater: Crispus Attucks. At Attucks he taught social studies and then became the school counselor. Mr. Umphrey also coached football. Mr. Umphrey was a Mason, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and started the Intramurals program for other students who wanted to be involved in sports.

Mr. Umphrey also worked as Park Director for the Indianapolis Parks Department. As Park Director at Douglas Park, he was one of the founding members of the Douglas Park Baseball Little League Organization and he instituted a kids race car program.

Before his passing in 1974, he earned a Master's Degree in Counseling from Butler University and completed his teaching career at Thomas Howe High School.

Mr. Umphrey was married to Virginia Umphrey and had three children, Mynelle, Gregory, and Albert Jr.

Mr. Umphrey from the beginning of his career had demonstrated a keen interest in teaching children and gave much of his own time to helping underprivileged children.

His Motto: "If you are going to do something, do it the right way."