

# Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



## **JOSEPH DANIEL CAMPBELL, JR.** **Class of 1999**

*"In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.  
The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt."*

Joseph Daniel Campbell, Jr. was born June 17, 1935, in York, Alabama. He graduated from Choctaw County High School in May of 1953. He was the high school quarterback and punter/extra point kicker. He played in the East/West baseball game of 1952. He made the basketball all region team and played in the first Alabama High School all star game at the University of Alabama in 1953.

As a baseball pitcher, he helped his team win the first state JUCO championship in 1955. Mr. Campbell earned a basketball scholarship to Ole Miss and attended the fall of 1956. He then transferred to Howard College (now Samford University) where he played basketball and baseball. He signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers in June of 1957. He graduated from Howard College in January of 1959. He continued in the minor leagues until 1962.

In 1970, Mr. Campbell managed the National Champion Amateur Baseball team. He was also the East West head coach in 1970. He earned a master of education degree from the University of Montevallo in 1972.

From 1967 until 1987, Mr. Campbell was a part time scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 1987, he became the head southeastern scout for them. Some of his signees include Doyle Alexander, Joe Beckwith, Ken Howell, Craig Shipley, Mike James, Bill Lott, James Wray, Dale Coleman, Ken Hamilton, Mike Sharp, Jonathan Taylor, Nathan Bland, Monty Marshall, Blake Mayo, Jonnie Jay, and Eric Dubose.

Mr. Campbell was a Southeastern Conference Baseball Umpire for 12 years, where he called 5 SEC championship series. He was a high school coach for 27 years, with 24 of those years at Leeds High School. He was also the athletic director and head coach at Leeds for 15 years. He was the head basketball coach for 8 years, as well.

Some of his honors include the following: Jefferson County basketball coach of the year 1972 and Jefferson County football coach of the year 1975. The football teams he coached went to 4 state playoffs with an overall record of 79 wins, 71 losses, and 2 ties.

Mr. Campbell is a lifetime member of both the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America and the Alabama High School Athletic Association. He was also inducted into the BABF hall of fame.

**Inducted January 10, 1999**