

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award



CHARLES H. RICHARDS 2011 Recipient

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

Born - Birmingham, AL, February 1, 1929 to Hugh and Eva Richards.
Attended schools in Fayette County, Oxford, AL and Tarrant, AL.
Graduated from Jefferson County High 1946
Played baseball and football.
Played in East-West game in 1946.
Attended Howard College 1947
 Lettered in basketball and track
Attended Livingston State College 1948-50
 Lettered in Football, Baseball and Basketball - All 3 years
 Starter in Baseball and Football
First Educational job - Springdale Junior High - 1950
U.S. Army 1950-1954 - Military Police Corps 2nd Lt. - Korean Conflict
Coach - Corner High School - 1954-1955
 Baseball and football
Athletic Director and Coach - Tarrant High School - 1955-1965
 Coached all 3 sports
Umpired High School and College
 Baseball and Basketball - 1956-1965
Southeastern Conference Basketball official - 1964-65
Assistant Football Coach - University of Alabama - 1966-68
Director of Curriculum and High School - St. Lucie County Florida - 1969-1976
Umpired College Baseball and Officiated College Basketball
 Florida 1969-1975
Athletic Director and Football Coach - Huffman High School - 1975-1977
Principal Tarrant High School - 1978-1995
Executive Secretary and Booking Agent - 1978-1993
 Alabama High School Umpires Association
 Major College Umpires Association
 Contracts with all state Jr. College and other colleges.
 Jacksonville State, North Alabama, Livingston State, University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB), Troy,
 Birmingham Southern, Montevallo, Auburn, Alabama, South Alabama
Booked Gulf South Basketball Official for Coach Hayden Riley - Commissioner for three years
Umpiring career also included filling in for Southern Association Commissioner - Jimmy Bragan
College and Pro Exhibition games:
 New York Yankees and University of Alabama
 Birmingham Barons - Chicago White Sox
Played B.A.B.F. baseball for several years during some of this time.
Parkway Christian Academy - Taught and coached Baseball - 2002-2004.
PERSONAL
Married Shirley Ann James - 1956 - Shirley passed away January 31, 2010
2 Children - Terri born 1959 - Charles Jr. (Chuck) born 1961
3 Grandchildren - Stacy, Stephanie and Daly

Honored January 21, 2011