## Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



## ROGER D. LAMBERT Class of 2011

"In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.

The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt."

I was the second of five children born to Samuel and Lillian Lambert. Growing up as the son of a career Air Force NCO, I had many opportunities to travel and learn different lifestyles. However, sports, mainly baseball, was always a major part of the Lambert household. We played baseball, talked baseball, and watched baseball, whenever possible.

I am married to Sabrina Stephens Lambert, and between us we have four children, two girls and two boys. We lost my oldest daughter in June 2007. We also have a granddaughter and a grandson. Sabrina has been my wife and best friend for 22 years. She listened to many ballgames at home as I would replay them, trying to find ways to better the program. She never complained, only offered encouragement.

I graduated from Autauga County High School (old Prattville High School), and then attended Huntingdon College. I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. I then earned a Master of Science Degree at Troy State University at Montgomery.

My coaching career started at Saint James School. There were no seniors my first year. We started a baseball program in 1974, and in 1976, finished second in Class 1A.

I went to Huntingdon College in 1977 to be the baseball coach. I was there until 1984. We won one Southern States Conference Championship and finished second twice.

I was a Headmaster and Coach in the AISA from 1985-89. At Bullock Memorial School we won the AISA State Championship in 1989.

In the fall of 1989, we came to Prattville High School. We had to redo the Prattville baseball field entirely. In 17 years we had new turf, a metal fence, and new dugouts with a dressing room, new press box, new concrete bleachers, and an indoor hitting facility.

Auburn High School Baseball Coach, Matt Cimo, wrote this about Coach Lambert: "You have been a great mentor to me and a great role model to my players. I have always admired the way you coach, but more importantly, I admired the love you had for your players. Thank you for making me a better coach, and thank you for the love of the game."

Long-time Prattville Progress Sports Writer, Jimmy White, had this to say: "I can truly say that Roger Lambert loves the game of baseball. He was an excellent high school coach. He always put the kids at the top, took care of them, and was always fair. He coached with a lot of class and made sure his team always played the game with class. He was certainly a great representative of Prattville High School and the game of baseball."

FINAL RECORD:

High School Record:

662 wins 328 losses

College:

159 wins 101 losses

Inducted January 21, 2011