

# Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



## **BUBBA LEWIS** **Class of 2006**

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

In a time when high school baseball might have been an after thought, James Bernard “Bubba” Lewis dedicated his time to putting together quality baseball teams and building young men through the game.

A native of Wetumpka, Alabama Coach Lewis graduated from Holtville High School in 1960 and the University of Alabama in 1966 where he lettered as a catcher on the baseball team from 1963-1965.

After graduating from UA, Lewis began his coaching career at his alma mater, Holtville, where he assisted with football and served as head baseball coach. In 1967, Lewis moved to Brewton, Alabama and served as assistant football coach and head baseball coach at T.R. Miller High School.

After one year at Miller, Lewis spent 12 years at Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery with a career record of 162-96. He was also named City Coach of the Year three times as a head baseball coach while assisting on two state championship football teams.

In 1979, Lewis moved across town to Jeff Davis High School continuing his success as a head baseball coach. He led his teams at Jeff Davis to an overall record of 241-69 over 11 years and a 6A State Championship in 1987. His team’s effort in 1987 earned him 6A Coach of the Year. Lewis was also named city Coach of the Year six times while at Jeff Davis.

In 25 years as a head baseball coach, Lewis’ overall record was 441-76 and his teams earned one state championship and one state runner-up finish.

In addition to his on-field success, Lewis and his wife, Barbara, have served as mentors and role-models to all of his players, many of whom moved on to successful college and professional careers.

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