

*Introducing...*

*Larry Stephens*

*Class of 1968*

*Hall of Fame, 2011*



After high school participation in athletics, a starter in both baseball and football, recognized as the MVP of the '67 Clinton Bowl, and Outstanding PHS Senior in '68, and being a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Larry Stephens entered Maryville College as a student/athlete. He was awarded a leadership/athletics scholarship and earned a B.A. in Economics, '72. Larry was a four year starter in football and baseball and in '71 had a batting average of .405 which was the second best single season average for the 1970's and had a career average of .338. Also in 1971, Larry was named to the NCAA All-American Football Team, College Division.

Larry spent 28 years in athletics and administration at the college and high school levels including Eastern Kentucky University, Maryville College, Elon University, Heritage High and Powell High School. He was fortunate to serve as head football coach at his high school and college alma maters. During his tenure at PHS his teams competed in the state play-offs each year and 10 of the teams' players earned football scholarships to NCAA Division 1 schools such as Alabama (2010 National Champions), Austin Peay University, Eastern Kentucky University, Marshall, Michigan State, UT- Chattanooga, UT- Martin and one player received an appointment to West Point Military Academy. The highlight of his coaching career was coaching his two sons at PHS!

Larry was an elected official representing the Powell Community for two terms on the Knox County Commission helping secure funding for the PHS All Sports Complex, Powell Library, Powell Middle School renovation and expansion, Powell Greenway, Powell Park, and the purchase of 12 acres adjoining the PHS campus. Larry is also a graduate of the University of Tennessee where he earned a Masters in Education, '82.

Three generations of his family are PHS grads!

Larry, we salute you and your life contributions!