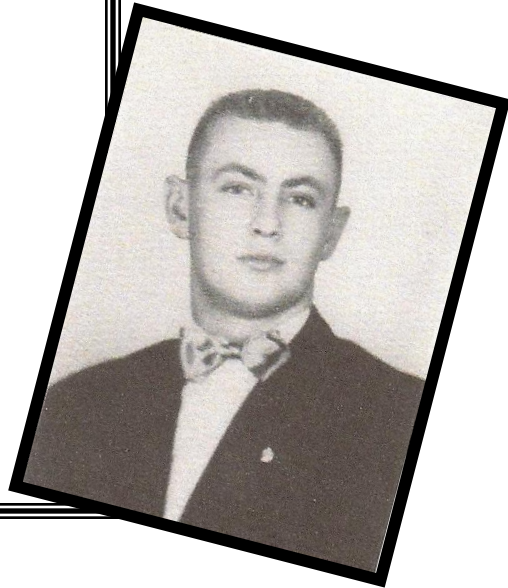


*Introducing...*

*Marvin West*

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Marvin West learned quickly that he wasn't going to be a great athlete and switched from playing to writing about sports. His newspaper career spanned 42 years. After that, he was going to be a better bass fisherman but, in retirement, he continued writing -- three books with a fourth in progress and a fifth on the drawing board.

Marvin began his newspaper career at UT as sports editor of the college newspaper. At The Knoxville News Sentinel, he was twice sportswriter of the year in Tennessee. He advanced to sports editor, then managing editor. He also wrote for selected magazines, hosted a statewide syndicated radio show, served as a college baseball umpire, high school basketball referee, Little League coach, Sunday school teacher and deacon at his church.

Work led Marvin to Washington, D.C. The West home was on what was once part of George Washington's original Mount Vernon farm, a short distance from the Potomac River.

As national sports editor of Scripps Howard News Service, Marvin organized and directed coverage of Super Bowls, World Series baseball, Final Four basketball, Masters golf, and seven Olympics. As in Knoxville, he eventually was promoted to managing editor and directed a staff of 90 with 410 newspapers and TV stations as customers.

His retirement party was in the West Room of the National Press Club (OK, there is also an East room). He received the first-ever Career Achievement Award from Scripps.

He is the only Tennessean in the U. S. Basketball Writers' Hall of Fame. He was a charter selection for the Tennessee sportswriters' hall of fame. He is a member of the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame. He is an honorary UT letterman and an honoree from the East Tennessee chapter of the College Football Hall of Fame.

He still writes a weekly column for the Shopper-News.

Marvin, we salute you and your life contributions!