GARY HERFEL

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Inaugural Class of 2015

Gary was born 1942 and graduated from Highlands in 1960. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree. He graduated after completing the six year program from the University of Kentucky in 1969 with a Juris Doctor degree where he was an editor for the Kentucky Law Journal and a member of the Order of the Coif. He obtained his LLM degree in 1970 from Harvard University Law School. Gary practiced law for 45 years. His wife for 46 years, Nancy, graduated from Highlands with Gary in 1960 and was a Majorette. Nancy obtained a Bachelor degree from Miami University and a Masters degree from the University of Kentucky. Nancy and Gary have three sons, Lee Herfel, MD, Robert Herfel, MD, and Charles Herfel, MD, who each graduated from Highlands. They also have three daughter-in-laws, Shara, Laura, and Megan. Nacncy and Gary have eight grandchildren, Elizabeth, Garrison, David, Amy, Ashley, Matthias, Charlie, and Clare.

Gary played football at Highlands from 1956 to 1959 as a lineman for coach Homer Rice. His 1957 team was 11-0, won the Rotary Bowl and were ranked number one in the state. His 1958 team was 9-1-1. His senior year, Gary was Co-Captain and Highlands was 12-1 and runner up in the first KHSAA state championship playoff. Gary was named to the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference All-Star Team, was the starting left tackle on the Campbell County All-Star team which defeated the Boone-Kenton County Allstar Team and was named to the Courier Journal All-State Football Team.

Gary was on Highland’s track team coached by Bernie Sadosky from 1957 to 1960. While on the team, Gary threw shot and discus. In his junior year and senior years he won the shot and discus championships in every NKAC track meet. Gary set Highland’s records in the shot and discus which stood for more than 25 years. Gary was a member of the 1959 Highlands track team that won the Kentucky State Track Championship.

Gary was inducted into the Northern Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 2001. Gary won over 100 golf championships in his career including the 1983 Northern Kentucky Amateur Championship. He also won every other major amateur championship in Northern Kentucky. He was named Northern Kentucky Player of the Year three times and Senior Player of the year 5 times. In 2004, Gary became the only golfer to win the Grand Slam of Kentucky Senior Golf when he won both the Kentucky Senior Amateur and the Kentucky Senior Open Championships.