**DENNY MCATEE**

**HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

Inaugural Class of 2015

Denny was born in 1940 and graduated from Highlands in 1958. He graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1962 with a bachelors in Business degree. After graduation, Denny served as an officer in the US Army and worked as an HVAC manufactures sales representative. Denny and his wife for 40 years, Gayle, who is a registered nurse, had two children Brad and Denise, a daughter-in-law Tammy, a son-in-law Matt and four grandchildren, Carson, Camden, Leo, and Callum.

At Highlands, Denny played four sports. He played football from 1954 to 1957 for coach Homer Rice as a receiver, defensive back, and punt returner. His senior year, he was Co-Captain of his team which was 11-0, won the Rotary Bowl and was ranked number one in the state. He was named to Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference All-Star team and to the Courier Journal all-state football team. Denny played basketball for four years and was co-captain his senior year. He was on the swimming team for three years and his team won the Kentucky State Championship. Denny was on the golf team for four years and he was the captain for his senior year, which won the Regional golf championship. Denny won nine club championships at Highland Country Club, where his father Harry was the golf professional for 42 years, two at A.J Jolly Golf Course, and won at Pendleton County Club. His senior year at Highlands, he was named the outstanding athlete in his class.

Denny attended Western Kentucky on a football Scholarship and played football for four years as an end and defensive Back. He also played golf for four years and his team won the Ohio Valley Golf Team Championship. He was given awards for sportsmanship and for having the highest Grade Point Average on the football team.

Denny was inducted into the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall Of Fame in 2006.