NANCY JONES BARRE

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Class of 2017

Nancy Jones Barre graduated from Highlands in 1970. Upon graduation, she went to the University of Kentucky and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Education. In 1975, she received her Master’s from Northern Kentucky University in Secondary Education.

Nancy was a member of the Highlands’ girls swim team, lettering eight years from grades 5-12. She swam on five state championship teams, was an individual state champion in the 50-meter freestyle her senior year, and was team captain. She was a member of the GAA Interscholastic Basketball and Volleyball Teams from grades 9-12. These sports were not officially state sanctioned until 1975 for basketball and 1980 for volleyball. Nancy lettered four years on the girls’ varsity tennis team. She won the Doubles Regional Championship in 1969 and served as captain her senior year.

Nancy was also an original member of the Cincinnati Marlins swim team and swam from ages 9-16. She was selected as one of four swimmers in her age group to be on the American Swim Team for the American/Canadian Championship Meet. She was a member of relay teams that set 15 national records. Nancy was also a cheerleader for five years, from grades 8-12, and was team captain her senior year.

After her graduation from the University of Kentucky, Nancy continued to excel in athletics as a coach. She coached varsity basketball at Highlands from 1975 through 1979. The following year she began coaching the girls’ volleyball team in addition to the basketball team, which she would continue through 1979. Nancy coached the girls’ and boys’ swim teams from 1988-1996 and 2003-2010. In1995 her team won the Combined Boys/Girls State Championship. In 1994, she was named as the State Boys Swimming Coach of the Year and the State Girls Swimming Coach of the Year in 2007. Nancy was honored by the Greater Cincinnati Women Sports Foundation as Coach of the Year in 1995 and awarded the Lifetime Service Award in 2004.

Nancy is a member of the Northern Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame and has officiated high school volleyball games for 38 years, including numerous state tournaments. She resides in Fort Thomas with her husband, Bernie. Their daughter, Angela, a 1998 Highlands graduate, lives in Wyoming, Ohio with her husband Brian and their children Ellie and Alexis. Their son, Brian, a 2001 Highlands graduate, lives in Birmingham, Alabama with his wife, Caitlin and daughter Olivia.