

MAYNARD K. HAITHCOCK

Maynard K. Haithcock (1923-2016) grew up in Macon, Warren County, NC. He graduated from The George Washington University, majoring in Physical Education. At GW, he played on the *Colonial's* basketball team that won 58 of 80 games. During the 1948-49 season, Maynard, co-captain and called *Buster*, was GW's scoring leader with 9.8 points per game. The team reached the Southern Conference Championship game against North Carolina State. He earned Second Team All-SoCon honors and later that year was a free agent draftee of the Washington Capitols of the Basketball Association of America, the precursor of the NBA. For a time, he played for the Rockville, MD, *Stars*. Maynard is currently ranked 57th on GW's list of top 100 all-time GW basketball players.

In 1954, rather than pursuing a career in professional basketball, Maynard began teaching physical education at Wakefield High School. After coaching the JV team, Coach Haithcock became the varsity basketball coach and in his first year, 1961, won Wakefield's only state basketball championship. His teams went to the state tournament three other times. Maynard was also a leader in civil-rights. Before official integration, his team and Hoffman Boston's under Coach Neal Haygood (then Arlington's black high school) scrimmaged each other in basketball even though it was against county and state law at the time. Maynard took his teams to Hoffman Boston to scrimmage and invited Neal's teams to Wakefield. These joint activities helped lay the groundwork for the full and largely trouble-free integration of Wakefield a few years later. In 1968, he became a guidance counselor, ending his coaching career. Maynard retired from Wakefield in 1984 and was selected for Wakefield's Hall of Fame in 2007.