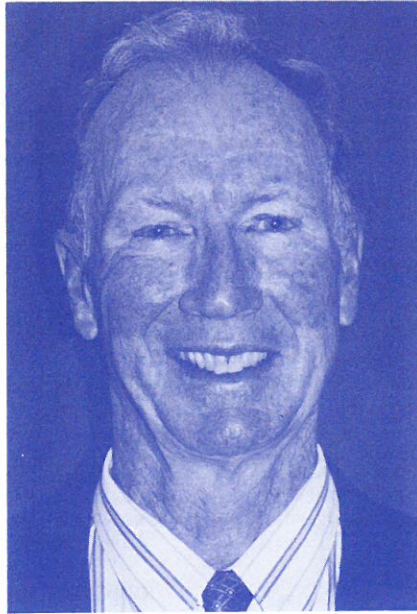


## DEL NORWOOD - 1998 HALL OF FAME



Del Norwood coached junior varsity baseball at Washington-Lee High School in 1957 and 1958 with a record of 31 wins and 5 losses. He coached varsity baseball from 1959 to 1987 with a record of 384 wins and 180 losses. His teams won the districts 19 times and the regionals 14 times. Although for more than half of his career Virginia did not recognize state champions in baseball, Norwood's teams achieved state runner-up status twice. He is the most successful baseball coach in the program's seventy year history.

Norwood also coached varsity soccer, starting the program in 1964, with five years of winter soccer before moving the team to the fall for another seventeen years winning over 300 games. Other involvements in athletics at Washington-Lee High School include starting the varsity rifle team in 1960, coaching junior varsity boys basketball for two years in 1972 and 1973, restarting the girls varsity basketball program in 1974, coaching for fifteen years, and coaching the boys and girls varsity cross-country teams from 1985 - 1987. He was also official boys varsity basketball timer from 1965 to 1985 and wrestling timer over the same period. Perhaps Norwood's greatest contribution to Washington-Lee High School was his dedication. A coach and a teacher for over 32 years, until his retirement in January 1988, Norwood never missed a single day of school when students were present.

Del Norwood was born in Rockland, Maine. He graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine in 1946. While at Gould, he earned varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1950, lettering in basketball and baseball, and earned his Masters Degree from George Washington University in 1966.

Norwood signed a professional baseball contract with the Boston Red Sox in 1950. His five year minor league record was 46-34. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1952-1954. Del managed professionally in the Appalachian Rookie League for the Minnesota Twins from 1960-1963, winning the league twice and finishing second twice. He managed for the Kansas City Royals organization in 1964. Norwood managed the semi-pro Luray Colonials from 1965-1968, winning the league all four years.

Del gained many honors through his association with baseball. Among them, he was named Coach of the Year by the Better Sports Club, 1972, inducted into the Home Plate Club Sandlot Hall of Fame, 1977, and the Virginia High School Hall of Fame, 1992.

Del and his wife Anne reside in Annandale, Virginia. They have two sons, Steve and Scott, and a daughter, Sandra Merchant.