

JAMES EUGENE 'JIMMY' SNYDER JR.

The sports pantheon in Lexington is loaded with worthy names: Joe McIntosh, Deems May, Parks Easter, Charlie England, Carlos Terry and Camey Timberlake quickly come to mind.

You can add Jimmy Snyder to that list.

One of only four players to have his jersey number (40) retired, Snyder was a standout high school basketball player who still holds the school record for points scored in a single game (37), coming against Winston-Salem Gray in 1962.

A lanky 6-foot-6 forward who averaged 17 points per game, Snyder was an all-conference player in both 1962 and 1963.

But he was also an all-around athlete who played football, tennis and golf in addition to basketball, and earned 10 varsity letters in all. In football, he was an end for two seasons and a quarterback for another; he was also the No. 1 tennis player for the Yellow Jackets.



A Morehead scholar, Snyder signed a four-year grant-in-aid to play basketball for Wake Forest.

After attending Wake Forest Law School from 1967-70, he returned home to practice civil and criminal law.

But he still kept a hand in sports and is recognized as a strong, important (and sometimes silent) supporter of local athletics, including American Legion baseball. He seems to be at more games than some athletic directors.

Snyder and his wife, Sandra, have two adult children, Courtney Brown and Elizabeth Lancaster.

