



2014 Inductee

STANLEY (Stan) DALE LANIER

Maybe Stan Lanier just couldn't help himself. After all, how do you deny your own DNA?

Stan was one-half of a remarkable backcourt combination — along with twin brother Stewart, with whom he shared the family basketball gene — that so totally mesmerized West Davidson basketball fans from 1981 to 1984.

It was an amazing — and wondrous — thing to see the twins play, passing to each other without looking, knowing all the time where the other was on the court, hitting impossible shots from all points on the court.

Stan, who averaged 15.5 points per game in a senior season that saw the Dragons advance to the 2-A state tournament before a heartbreaking 73-68 loss to Hobpton, racked up some impressive accolades.

He was named Dispatch All-Davidson County in 1983-84; All-Central Carolina Conference, 83-84; most improved player in 1983; most valuable player in 1984; MVP of the District title team in 1984; team captain in 1984; All-Northwest in 1984, and all-state honorable mention in 1984.



He finished his career with 1,028 points.

But it wasn't all about basketball. Stan was a four-year starting infielder for the West baseball team, making all-conference in 1982 and 1983, helping lead the team to conference championships those years. He was also an all-state honorable mention player.

In cross country he was named all-conference in 1983 and 1984.

Stan went to Lees-McRae College, helping the team to conference championships in 1985 and 1986 while averaging 6.5 points per game. He transferred to High Point University, helping the team to tournament championships in 1987 and 1988 and into the second round of the NAIA tournament.

Stan and his wife, Molly, have two children: Ali, 20, and Tate, 16.

