

AHS Wall of Fame Inductees Winter 2008

Jim Acton graduated from Avon in 1957 with 16 other senior classmates. His career in education spanned over thirty years at Brownsburg High School, where he enjoyed a successful tenure as a teacher, administrator, and coach in cross country, basketball and track. A capable mentor for both athletes and coaches, he went on to serve as Athletic Director, and helped usher in a period where Bulldog sports rose to statewide prominence.

One of Avon's most celebrated athletes, **Stoney Burke** (1989) led the football team as captain his junior and senior year, and was named the 1989 Gatorade High School Baseball Player of the Year. An 8th-round draft pick of the Boston Red Sox, Stoney went on to a successful collegiate baseball career at Indiana State, earning All Missouri Valley Conference honors in 1993. He played professionally in the minor leagues for affiliates of the Milwaukee Brewers and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Ron Leaf was a role model for so many colleagues during his 34-year teaching career at Avon. His coaching resume included assisting Ray McKibbin during Avon's early years in football, as well as varsity head basketball and cross country coach. He served as advisor to many AHS student groups, including the Letterman's Club, the Student Council and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He provided steady leadership as Science Department chair for over 20 years before his retirement in 1999.

Jim Miller (1954) earned legendary status as a successful high school head basketball coach for 37 seasons. In 1966, he took tiny Cloverdale to the Final Four at Butler Fieldhouse, and followed twenty-eight years later with New Albany High School at the RCA Dome. Jim also took his basketball expertise overseas, where he helped conduct basketball clinics and exchanges in Africa and Australia. With a career record of 607-251, he ranks in the top ten for all-time career victories, and is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

A successful area businessman and active Hendricks County politician, **Harold "Eddie" Schrier** has been responsible for building over 170 homes since he graduated from Avon in 1954. Ed's long list of accomplishments include his service on the Brownsburg Town Council, and his current ownership and development of Quail Creek Golf Community. He has also held the Ed Schrier Organ Transplant Benefit for the past ten years, an event which helps secure funding for future organ recipients.