

DAVID KELLY

DAVID WAS RAISED IN OAKMAN, ALABAMA BY HIS MOTHER, LOIS HAMPTON.

He attended Oakman High School where he participated in basketball, baseball, and football.

David was a member of four straight playoff teams in basketball during the middle 70s coached by Larry Banks. He made all state in basketball for three consecutive years along with being honorable mention in football and All County in baseball. His baseball and football teams were coached by Ray Tidwell. Following his high school years he went on to play at Gadsden State before transferring to Jacksonville State. His basketball coach, Larry Banks, told him, "He was the best basketball player he had ever coached."



David has been a collegiate baseball official for 28 years at all levels. He began his officiating career at age 15 by calling little league and high school before moving up to the collegiate level. He was offered an opportunity to umpire in the Double A's Southern League. He has officiated games in Division 1, Division 1AA, Division 2, and Junior College. He has officiated in some of the newest ball parks, as well as, calling at historic Rickwood Field. He has called in two Alabama Junior College State Tournaments and still officiates at the present time.

He is married to Donna (Harris). His daughter, Larea (Kelly) Clay and son, Chris Kelly both have received Master Degrees. He also has four grandchildren.