

DOUG KEY

D OUG KEY BORN TO THE LATE CLARENCE AND OLETA KEY APRIL 26, 1942 IN LITTLE

Texas, Alabama. Doug burst onto the sports scene as a star basketball player at Eldridge Junior High. He helped the Red Devils win back to back county championships in 1957 and 1958. After this, Doug took his talents to Carbon Hill High School, and earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. In 1960 and 1961, he was selected All-County and helped the Bulldogs win back to back county basketball championships. Upon graduation from Carbon Hill in 1961, Doug signed a basketball scholarship with Florence State Teachers College, now known, as UNA. He was a 4 year letterman and led the team in scoring two years averaging 23 points per game. Doug finished as the 3rd all-time leading scorer with 1254 points. After graduating from UNA in 1965, he immediately went into high



school coaching with one year at Hackleburg and then three at his alma mater. Carbon Hill won three area championships and two region championships with Key at the helm. The 1968 team finished 4th in the state and still holds the record for combined points in a state tournament game. The success at Carbon Hill took him to the collegiate coaching ranks where he spent two years at South Alabama as an assistant and then three years at Marion Military Institute as the head coach. In 1975, he became the first head basketball coach at Chattahoochee Valley Community College. Here, he coached 22 years and won 514 games along with 4 Junior College state championships. He also accumulated Alabama Coach of the Year 8 times, Region Coach of the Year 4 times, and 4 times he led the Pirates to national tournament. After one year of retirement, Doug went back to the high school ranks for 8 years at Glenwood School in Phenix City. While here, he had two state championship golf teams. Doug has also been inducted into the following Hall of Fames: Alabama Community College, Chattahoochee Valley, Chattahoochee Valley Community College, and UNA. He and his wife Cecilia have two daughters and five grandchildren.