

JIM GAINES

JIM WAS THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE BROTHERS BORN TO CHUB AND GWENDOLYN

Phillips Gaines in Jasper. All five brothers were destined to be successful football players at Curry High School. His father Chub was the original founder and the first president of the Curry High School Quarterback Club, Jim, however, was to become the most successful of the five brothers.

He achieved success in both basketball and football as a Yellow Jacket. In football, he was selected All-County and All-Conference his junior and senior years, and second team All-State his senior year. He led the Jackets to a 8-1-1 record his junior year and a 9-0-1 his senior year. He was just as successful in basketball, receiving All-County and All-Conference his junior and senior years. He led Curry to a fourth place finish in the state tournament his sophomore year. His junior year, they finished first in the conference, first in the area, and an appearance in the state tournament. His senior year, they finished first in the county and first in the conference.



Jim was the first athlete from Curry High School to receive a full scholarship to play football at a SEC school, the University of Alabama. He received the ultimate honor in 1965 when the Jersey #26, worn by Jim and all his brothers at Curry, was retired.

Jim went on to play at Jacksonville State University and lettered three years in football where they were victorious in the first Space City Classic Bowl Game in Huntsville.

Jim is married to Nancy Seiler, a former cheerleader and homecoming queen at Jacksonville State. They have two children, Jennifer and Steve, and three wonderful grandchildren. He and his daughter now own the Atlanta based JP Gaines Company, LLC.