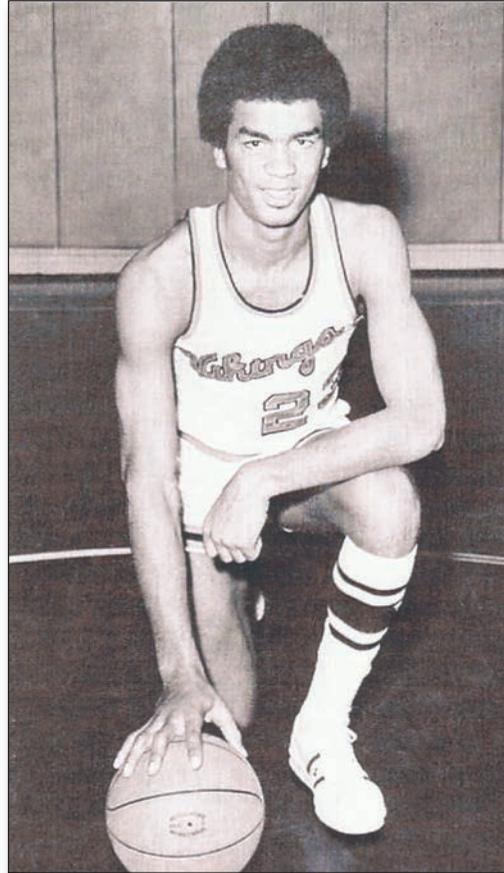


## ROBERT PAGE

**R**OBERT (BETTER KNOWN AS “POPEYE”) IS CONSIDERED BY MOST FOLLOWERS OF

basketball in Walker County to be the best player to ever come out of the county. He could have started on the varsity as a freshman (making him one of only two players capable to do so), but was ineligible because the two schools were on separate campuses. He was 2nd team All-State his sophomore year and All-County, All-Region and All-State his junior and senior year at Walker High School, becoming their first, and possibly their only two time All-State player. His junior and senior year, he was ranked as the second best player in Alabama. His senior year, he became the only player in the history of Walker County to be selected as a first team High School All-American. His junior year “Popeye” led the 1972-73 Vikings to the only undefeated regular season in the school’s history. He also played safety on the football team and could cover more territory than any safety at Walker High, as well as being one of the hardest hitting backs to ever play.



Upon graduation, Robert attended Gulf Coast Junior College in Florida and as a freshman was their leading scorer and led them to a number 1 national ranking during the season. His sophomore year he transferred to Walker Junior College where he played under the legendary coach Glen Clem. That year Robert had his best game against Lawson State, giving Lawson the only defeat they suffered that year. He played his junior year in Texas and then returned to play at Auburn University at Montgomery under his former high school coach Herbert Green. He continued to play semi-pro basketball even though he competed against much younger players. “Popeye” passed away in 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer, and will be remembered as the best basketball player to ever don a uniform at Walker High School.

Robert is also a member of the Walker High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame.