

ALTON JONES

ALTON JONES WAS BORN IN CORDOVA, AL ON APRIL 26, 1942.

"I consider Alton Jones the best football player I ever coached. And if you put all the tough folks I've ever known in a lineup to fight it out, Alton would be my pick as the survivor."

*--- Martin High School Coach
Hub Dotson*

"Alton Jones was a tackle if I needed a tackle. He was a quarterback if I needed a quarterback. At one time or another, he played every position but center where his brother was. Alton's last year, he got an All-County vote from everyone. But he got two for quarterback, two for end and rest for tackle because that's where he played when we played those folks."



In addition to being unanimous All-County, he was unanimous All-Wal-Win Conference and honorable mention All-State. In basketball, he was also unanimously selected to the All-County and All-Wal-Win teams. He was named All-Tournament in the Walker County Basketball Tournament in which he helped Martin oust Walker in the semi-finals. He polished off the 1960-61 basketball season with All-District honors as a forward while leading his team to the championship and the school's only berth in the state finals.

Alton was tough, but he had core values of right and wrong and was never hesitant to see that right prevailed. His steel eyes and slight grin were a Jones trademark he etched in the memories of his foes. Wayne Gross, Martin's All-County performer at quarterback Jones' junior season, to this day describes him as the toughest, most impossible to whip person he's ever known.