

Honoring Local Figures in Black History: Lamar Lundy

Editor's note: To recognize Black History Month, which is celebrated in February, the Palladium-Item is publishing a daily historical tribute noting the impact of African-Americans and their history in the community:

Richmond High School graduate Lamar Lundy was drafted by the National Football League's New York Giants in 1957 and traded to the Los Angeles Rams shortly thereafter.

During 13 seasons with the Rams, he was one quarter of the "Fearsome Foursome" defensive line with Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen and Roosevelt "Rosie" Grier.

Lundy's athletic prowess began at Richmond High School, where he was part of the state championship football teams in 1951 and 1952. In 1953, he was part of the Richmond basketball team that reached the state finals.

At Purdue University, Lundy was the first black player to receive a football scholarship. He also played basketball. He was the only Boilermaker to win most valuable player honors in football and basketball in one school year.

He is one of only three men from Indiana enshrined in both the state football and basketball halls of fame.

Lundy retired from playing in the NFL in 1970. He joined the San Diego Chargers as an assistant coach and then had to leave football when health problems interfered. Lundy went on to battle several illnesses including Graves disease, diabetes, myasthenia gravis, double vision, prostate cancer and heart problems.

In the late 1980s, Lundy returned to Richmond. He did radio color analysis for Richmond High School football games, gave inspirational talks to area youth and served many roles with area organizations such as the United Way and Townsend Community Center.

Although he never played in a Super Bowl, Lundy appeared in a commercial that aired during the Super Bowl and he attended Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta in 2000 to watch the transplanted St. Louis Rams defeat the Tennessee Titans.

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Lundy died Feb. 24, 2007.

In 2008, the bridge on U.S. 40 in Richmond was named The Lamar Lundy Bridge by the Indiana Department of Transportation at the urging of area legislators.

His memory also lives on through the Lamar Lundy Endowment Fund, which was established through the **Wayne County Foundation** to ensure the long-term viability of Townsend Community Center.

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