

# KANSAS BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

## HALL OF FAME 2022

### DR. BRYCE D. STALLARD

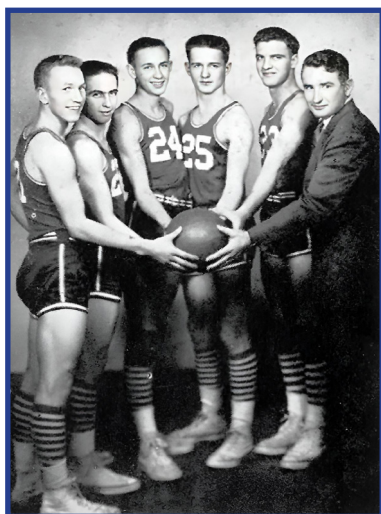
High School Boys Basketball Coach (1950-1962)

*“He coached by encouragement rather than criticism.”*

From the time he first picked up a basketball as young boy, the hardwood sport took a passionate hold of Bryce Stallard. Born November 17, 1926, Bryce grew up on a farm outside of Perry, Kansas, served in the Navy during World War II, and after graduating from Baker University in 1950, began his high school coaching and teaching career in the small Kansas community of Nortonville. After leading the Cardinals to their first league championship in more than a decade, Bryce moved to Smith Center, Kansas, taking the school to back-to-back state tournaments in 1953 and 1954. After a one-year stop at El Dorado Junior College, Bryce took the coaching reigns at Goodland, Kansas, and again led his team to consecutive state tournaments—the Cowboys finished third in 1957.



Coach Stallard in 1958  
at Washburn Rural



Coach Stallard with his 1953  
starting five at Smith Center, KS

Following his time at Goodland, Stallard took the basketball coach position at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka. By 1960, he had put together his best team—the Jr. Blues went 25-1, winning the Kansas Class A State Championship. Stallard was named the 1960 Coach of the Year by the *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

Campus High was a brand new school with a bare sports cupboard in all aspects. When the school opened its doors in the fall of 1960, Bryce was the basketball coach and athletic director, a job that led to his eventual transition into the administrative world of education. Bryce got the Colts into the Ark Valley League, started the Campus Invitational Basketball Tournament, and he even got Campus on television.

Coach Stallard was never afraid to push past conventional thinking, tired strategies, or old habits. He coached to his teams' abilities, coached with encouragement, and fortified his players' belief in themselves. It was with

#### TOP COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS

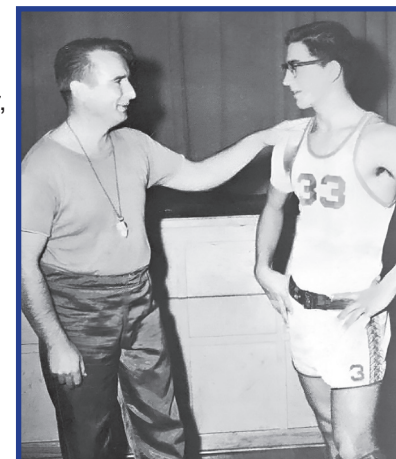
- 1960 Class A State Championship - Washburn Rural (25-1)
- 1960 Basketball Coach of the Year - *Topeka Capital-Journal*
- 1957 Third Place Class A State - Goodland (22-3)
- Five State Tournaments
- 166 Career Wins
- Coached Three Different High Schools to State
- Won Five League Championships

that immense optimism that Stallard was able to move beyond the usual fray of coaching standards and try new things to make his players better, using and winning games with the fast break and full-court press.

But he was much more than a coach; he was a math teacher, a class sponsor, a mentor, a solid member of the community, and most importantly, a strong builder of young men. He knew and valued the importance of education, especially when it was combined with the character-enhancing facets of playing basketball. Bryce Stallard was a special coach with a gift; not only did he mold boys into young men, he embraced the innovative envelope on the basketball court, always looking for new ways to improve his team. And Bryce extended meaningful lessons through coaching and teaching to his players, educational pieces that had no boundaries when applied to all aspects of life.

He was an exceptional, great basketball coach.

Bryce Stallard passed away on March 1, 2006. He was married for 56 years to his wife, Lois—they had 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.



Coach Stallard in 1960

*“Coach Stallard lived every moment to the maximum when he was with us, exuding his energy, strong commitment, and goals for the game onto us. He was able to make his basketball dreams, our dreams.”*

- Jerry Marstall, Washburn Rural Player for Coach Stallard

