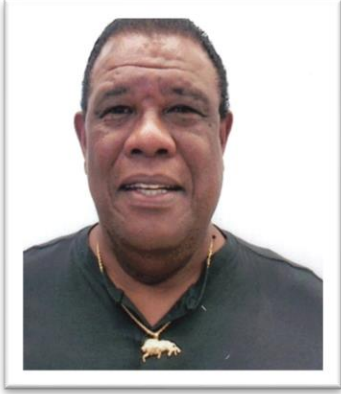


Larry Joe Rayes



Larry Joe Rayes graduated from Chickasha High School in 1965. Following graduation, he attended Cameron Junior College and later graduated from Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and a Minor in Mathematics. He also received a Master of Science Degree from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.

Larry taught Math and coached football in Kansas City, Kansas; Chickasha High School and Miami Springs High School in Miami, Florida. The rumored story, and perhaps urban legend is that Coach Rayes was the Denzel Washington of our local version of "Remember the Titans".

Larry coached on the defensive coaching staffs at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida and Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.

Following his tenure on the University level, Larry became head football coach and Math teacher at Sterling High School in Houston, Texas. In 2001, Larry became Manager for all of the Boys Athletics for Houston Independent School District. He was in charge of boy's sports for 26 high schools and 41 middle schools, a position he held until retirement on August 31, 2009.

Larry also received many prestigious awards during his years of teaching and coaching. He was named EXXON Math/Science Teacher of the Year for Excellence in Teaching Math and received the State of Texas University Intercollegiate League's Denius Award, an award that was "created to identify and recognize outstanding sponsors who assist students in developing and refining their extracurricular talents to the highest degree possible within the educational system. Larry was inducted into Houston Coaches Hall of Honor and also recognized by the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association for his years of service.

Each year Larry returned to Chickasha High School present the Delbert Rayes Award. His dedication to his family and the memory of his brother, Delbert, shows the character of this outstanding and accomplished Chickasha High School graduate.

Larry Joe Rayes was inducted into the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 2011. Coach Rayes passed away in 2013.