



Lula Bounds - Teacher 1968-1980; Girls Physical Education

Education and Career

I attended Tennessee State University in Nashville, and I got my Masters in Physical Education at Manhattan State. From 1960 until 1968 I taught physical education and health at Central Junior.

I taught at Southeast from 1968 - 1980; I taught girls' physical education. I also coached several girls' sports, mainly track, but also volleyball and basketball.

After I left Southeast in 1980, I moved to Southeast Junior. I taught physical education and health there until 1994.

Southeast Memories

From when I started at Southeast until I left, Southeast changed. When I came to Southeast, no one ever touched the round table. Rules were very strict; there was respect. Students were there for a purpose; not to tear down. During my time at Southeast, the situation changed and just got worse after I left. We had a different group of students, times changed, and administration got lax. In fact, that is why I left in 1980 and went to Southeast Junior. I did not get along with Mr. Herron, the principal at Southeast. I did not think he was a strong administrator. It was better with the younger students at Southeast Junior. They were more under control and behaved better.

I remember a number of teachers at Southeast.

- Doris Bailey taught home economics.
- Lee Durham taught boys' PE.
- Sara Gaggens and Vicki Scott taught girls' PE with me.

- James Morrow was the assistant track coach and helped me quite a bit. He was from DeLaSalle. He also coached girls' basketball. I helped him with that.
- I remember Mr. Lazzo, George Byers, Ruth Peters, Sandra Hughes and Mr. Cornelius.
- Walter Thompson was the football coach.
- Before Walter Thompson, Mr. Mills was the football coach and taught PE. He went to Michigan. Later he became a pro coach.
- Harvey Greer was the Interscholastic League director when I was the track coach at Southeast.
- Mr. Evans was principal when I started at Southeast. Mr. Powell and Mr. Adams were still there. Mr. Herron was vice principal, and then he became principal.
- I respected Curtis Rogers, David Griffin and Herman Gant. After these vice principals left, there was less respect. The administration was not as strong.

I coached several girls' sports, mainly track, but also volleyball and basketball. The track teams always qualified to go to state competition at Jefferson City, especially the relay teams.

I was selected the Interscholastic League Coach of the Year in 1974-75.

I also helped James Morrow when he was the girls' basketball coach.

We had good sports days, and the Joustlers group was strong.

I worked with Eleanor Brown and helped with the dances for Knightlites.

Most of my memories are of the girl's sports, especially track. We always had a pretty good sized group. We practiced on the track around the football field. In bad weather, we ran in the downstairs halls. We went out of town when the boys did. We shared a bus. I remember going to Raytown, Truman, William Chrisman, Hickman Mills, Oak Park. Of course, we also competed against other Interscholastic League teams like Lincoln and Central. In later years, we went to the Wyandotte Relays.

Family Life

During the time I taught at Southeast, I lived in Kansas City, KS, at 3007 Parkwood Boulevard. In addition to teaching and coaching, I was busy raising my son. I also participated in church, clubs and sororities.