



HARRY DOYLE VINES, 67, died at home on February 11, 2006. He was born in Caldwell Corner, Arkansas on September 12, 1938. He grew up working in the cotton fields of eastern Arkansas until junior high when he discovered basketball. The game he loved would take him all over the world for the rest of his life. He graduated from Little Rock Central High School in 1957. He was a member of the Central High Basketball Tigers, leading the team to a Big 8 championship and earning a high school All American award in 1957. He went on to play for coach Abe Lemons, his mentor for life, at Oklahoma City University, playing in the NIT in 1959 and leaving as the 6<sup>th</sup> leading scorer. He graduated from OCU in 1961 and became a basketball coach at Southwest Junior High. He later earned a masters degree in Rehabilitation from North Texas State University.

He went to work for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services in 1963 and served the state of Arkansas in positions with the Services for the Blind, Attorney Generals office, Governors Office and Workers Compensation Commission for 32 years. In 1978, he found his true calling when he was asked to coach a fledgling wheelchair basketball team, the Arkansas Rollin Razorbacks. He coached the Rollin Razorbacks 22 seasons, with 21 winning seasons and a record of 238-40. His teams made 13 final four appearances in the 1980's and 90's and won five national championships, their first here in Little Rock in 1991. He later coached US teams in the World Cup, the Paralympics and many other international competitions. At the time of his death, he was the president of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Though he gave of himself and his time unselfishly, he received many honors for his achievements. He was Governors Volunteerism award recipient in 1980, Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Man of the year in 1980 and 1983. In 1990 he was honored by President George HW Bush with a Volunteer Action award and later as Bush's 967<sup>th</sup> "point of light". He and the Rollin Razorbacks later visited President Clinton at the White House. He was pleased to be an A-SOB (Arkansas Staff of Bill). He was a Kiwanis Paul Harris Fellow. He was inducted into the OCU Sports Hall of Fame in 1988 and the National Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.

He served the Governors Commission on People with Disabilities, the Our Way Board of Directors, the Arkansas Community Service Commission and the City of Sherwood Personnel Committee. He was a charter member of the Sherwood Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of Max Howell Roast, a scholarship fundraiser. He was a member of the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church. He walked on the court at Boston Garden, played the Old Course in Scotland and traveled to all 50 states.

Harry is survived by his wife and partner Cheryl, of the home, his daughter Holly Vines and son, Dr. Phillip Vines both of Little Rock, an aunt, Christine Hampton of Colt

and two uncles Donald Parkman of Forrest City and Jerry Parkman of Zellwood, Florida. Sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Kenny Limbo of Fair Oaks, CA and Steve Lady and Shary Smith of Emigsville, PA, nieces and nephews, Kasey Limbo, Shellee and Jesse McAsey, Vanessa and Lucy. And a host of cousins and friends, as well as the past and present members of the Arkansas Rollin Razorbacks.

The family thanks Dr. Tom Meziere and Dr Mark Peterson for their compassionate care and support over this long illness.

Memorial service will be 11:00 A.M., Friday, February 17, 2006 at Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, February 16, 2006 at Roller-Owens Funeral Home (791-7400).

Memorials may be made to Arkansas Rollin Razorbacks, PO Box 1669, North Little Rock, AR 72115.