

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Name: Jim Turner

Year of Graduation: 1959

What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?

After graduation, I attended Mansfield University on a basketball scholarship and played basketball and baseball for 4 years.

Upon graduation from Mansfield State University, I taught school at Austin High School in Austin, PA for five years and was basketball coach during that time. In the summers, I coached Little League baseball.

In 1970, we moved to Florida and spent two years there. I moved back to Pennsylvania in 1972 and spent the next five years working with handicapped adults at Futures Rehabilitation Center.

In 1975 I got back into education at Port Allegany High School. Over the next 25 years at Port Allegany High School I was fortunate enough to serve as football, basketball, and track coach, many as the head coach.

In 2003, I retired from Port High and have been living the good life since. In retirement, I have been fortunate enough to be selected to the Mansfield Basketball Hall of Fame and The Big 30 Basketball Hall of Fame.

Where do you currently live?

102 Katherine Street, Port Allegany, PA

Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?

Cecil Gamble. He was my first coach and I admired him.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

My fondest memory of Port Allegany High School was going to the state playoffs in basketball.

