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Forsyth-Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame

James Love



James Thompson Love was born in Cuthbert, Georgia, and early in his life was adopted by John Lee Love, and spent his formative years in Miami, Florida and Georgia, graduating from Randolph County High School in 1955. He attended Fort Valley State and majored in mathematics, and pledged Kappa Alpha Psi. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed a tour in France and then returned to Fort Valley State and graduated in 1965. He moved to Forsyth and taught math at Hubbard High and was a basketball coach at Hubbard, and continued his coaching and teaching career at Mary Persons High School in and after 1970. Coach Love coached basketball, golf, and football at MPHS, best known for coaching defensive backs and secondary in football. He was on the staff of the State Champion MP Bulldogs of 1980 (15-0 season), and was on staff during a time when MP had an 83% winning percentage (170-34-1). Coach Love hung up his coaching shorts in 1988 but continued in positions with the Monroe County Board of Education until finally retiring in 1996. January 18, 1998 was declared "James Love Day" by the Monroe County Commissioners, and the gym at Hubbard Middle School was named after Coach Love in 2010. Coach Love continues to live in Forsyth.

