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# Forsyth-Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame

## *Lloyd Bohannon*



Lloyd is a 1961 Mary Persons grad, an offensive lineman, under MP Coach Dan Pitts in 1959 and 1960, and played linebacker and offensive guard. His football career, however, began even earlier, in 1956 as a football Manager for the MP team when Bill Meeks was the Coach. Lloyd also played basketball in high school and along with Tommy Cawthon was a Co-Captain the senior year and a three-year basketball letterman. Just to have something to do in the spring, Bohannon threw discus for the track team that did not have a track. Following MP, Lloyd played football for two years at Gordon Military College in Barnesville as an offensive and defensive lineman under Head Coach Fred Miller, and George McMillan was an assistant coach at the time. Lloyd's first coaching job was at Willingham High School in Macon under Billy Henderson, the second legendary coach under which Lloyd was associated with, where Lloyd coached football, wrestling, and handled the equipment for the Athletic Department. Edgar Hatcher and John Waters were also members of Henderson's coaching staff at Willingham, later Southwest. Lloyd moved to Cedar Shoals High School in Athens under John Waters who was then the Head Coach there and remained for six years as Defensive Coordinator, coaching linebackers and the defensive front. In 1978 Bohannon was named Head Coach and Athletic Director at Griffin High School and he served there for next 18 years with success and working with outstanding athletes. Griffin tied Valdosta as Co-State Champions in 1978. A couple of great athletes that Lloyd coached at Griffin were Willie Gault, who had an outstanding career at Tennessee and was a Super Bowl Champion with the Chicago Bears; and Jessie Tuggle, an All Pro Middle Linebacker with the Atlanta Falcons. One other athlete that Lloyd was fortunate enough to coach was his son, Brian who went on to have a great career as a four-year letterman at UGA and coached under Paul Johnson and is presently the Head Coach at Kennesaw State. Lloyd retired from coaching in 1996 and is a member of the Griffin-Spalding Hall of Fame and now the Forsyth-Monroe County Hall of Fame. His eighteen-year record as a Head Coach was 156-58-1 with a lot of great memories. Lloyd and his wife Carol live in Griffin, and in addition to son Brian, they have a daughter, Becky, and five grandchildren. Carol and Lloyd were introduced to each other by Billy Henderson at Henderson Stadium in Macon and they still go to football fields together, now to watch Brian's Kennesaw State team.

