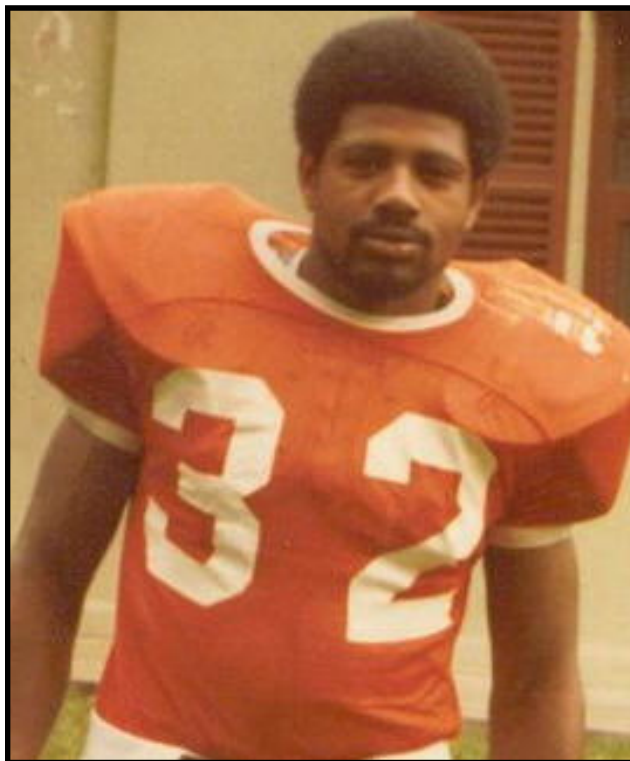


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FORSYTH-MONROE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

PERCY FREEMAN



Percy Freeman was a football standout at Mary Persons High School from 1970-73, starting at safety in each of his final three seasons as MP lost only three games in which Freeman competed. As a reserve fullback, Freeman ran for a 36-yard touchdown in a home win over Manchester. In 1973, Freeman competed in an amateur boxing match fundraiser at the Mary Persons gymnasium to raise funds for another MP student, McArthur Freeman, to attend the National Golden Gloves Championship in Massachusetts. After high school, Freeman served in the U.S. Air Force all the while returning to the gridiron to compete for the Aviano Eagles of the semi-pro North Italian Football League in 1977 and 1978. During his two seasons with the Eagles, he averaged 100 rushing yards per game and 50 receiving yards per game and scored seven touchdowns in a single game. Freeman, who went on to have distinguished careers in law enforcement and in the U.S. Air National Guard, is also an award-winning club skier and has competed as a runner in numerous races, including posting a personal-best time of 1 hour, 47 minutes in a half marathon at age 40.

