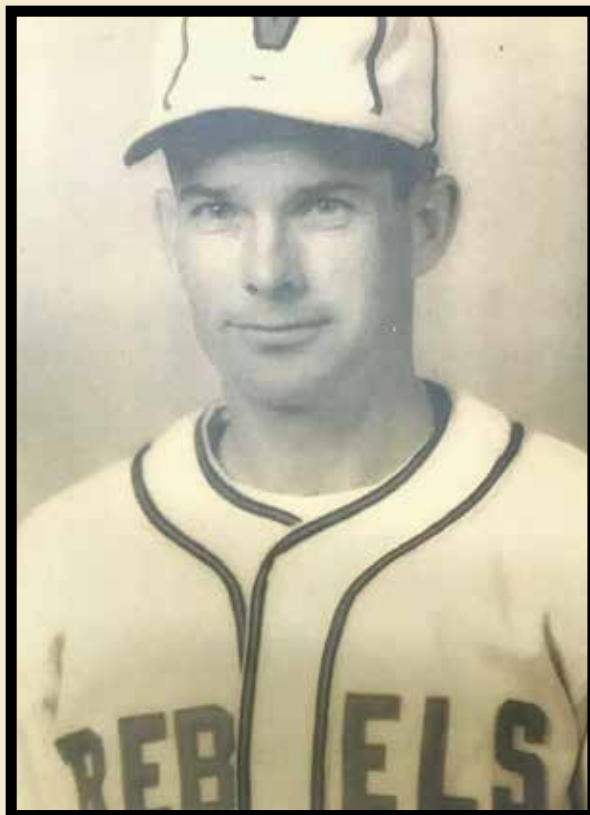


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Forsyth-Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame

Joe Chambers



Joseph "Joe" Pierce Chambers was born July 25, 1917, in Juliette, and for 78 years, until her death, Joe was married to Esma Smith Chambers. Joe retired as owner and operator of Joe Chambers Sporting Goods and Joe Chambers Sinclair Station, and was a school bus driver for the Monroe

County school system for 17 years. Chambers, who lived to the ripe old age of 98, was a semi-pro baseball star in the 1940's and 50's, playing second base, and is a member of the Class D Hall of Fame which honors players from the legendary Georgia-Alabama League, where Joe played for teams such as the Valley Rebels (Lanette, Alabama) where he batted .364 in 1947, and the Dublin Green Sox, and was on an All-State semi-pro team (1945) playing for such teams as SilverTown in Thomaston, Georgia. In an All-Star match in the old Ponce de Leon Ball Park in Atlanta, Chambers hit a home run into the famous Magnolia. Joe passed away on December 30, 2015.

