

Ronald Smallwood

Ronnie Smallwood was a 1955 Martinsburg High School graduate. During his time at MHS, he participated in basketball, baseball, football and track. In 1954, he was a member of the first undefeated football team, was named to the WV All State Football team, WV All-North Football team, and the All Regional Basketball team, won three events in the sectional track meet, and named to the First team All-State Baseball team. He was also on the First team All-State Baseball team in 1955. Over his 4 years at MHS, Ronnie lettered 12 times in the four different sports in which he participated. If freshman had been eligible at that time to receive letters, Ronnie would have earned 14. He struck out a record 20 batters versus Hedgesville in a seven inning game.

After graduation, Ronnie played football and baseball at the University of Virginia in 1955 and 1956. In 1957, he transferred to Shepherd College where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball in both 1957 and 1958.

He pitched for the Paris Island Marine Corps travel team in 1960 and the San Diego Marine Corps travel team in 1961. Being community minded, Ronnie has coached little league baseball in Martinsburg and Hedgesville for a total of 12 years. He also coached in the Parks and Rec Basketball league for 3 years.