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## **IN MEMORIAM OF EDDIE WALLER A COLUMBUS LEGEND**

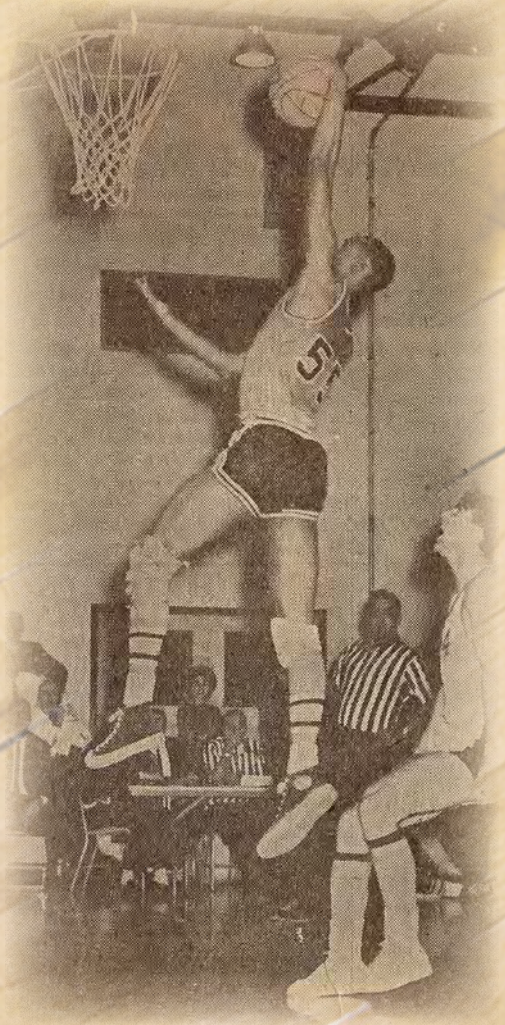


**EDDIE WALLER** is a Columbus, Ohio, native, who attended Columbus Public School System. Eddie eventually ended up at East High school where he was an integral part of the 1963-64 basketball team that won the Class AA State Championship, being the 2nd City League team to accomplish that feat during that period. Eddie earned All-City honors, which was difficult due to the the tremendous talent pool in existence. He also earned All-State honors.

Eddie later took his talent to Central State University, where he was a member of the 1965-66 NAIA National Championship team which concluded the season with a record of 30-0.

Eddie served in the Armed forces during the Viet Nam War, and returned to Columbus to become an Educator in the Columbus Public School system, serving as an outstanding credit to the Greater Columbus Area.

*“We extend our Heartfelt Sympathy regarding his passing.”*



### **2017 GCBLA Hall of Fame Inductees**

**Estabon Weaver • Freddie Saunders • Jerry Francis • Avery Godfrey • Alonzo “Nicky” Conner • Elaine Boltz Marshea Dotson • Rene Haynes • Sam Cherry • Ed Stahl • Tom Brown (Coach) • Charles Barton (Coach)**

**\*\*Special recognition for Alexis Peterson (ACC Player of year/WNBA draftee)**

**MVP of Character Awards** to Student-Athletes who have shown excellence in academics, community service and athletics.

**My Brother’s Keeper Award** - awarded posthumously to **Lonnie Poindexter**, former Director at St. Stephens Community House.



## SHOUT OUT to Columbus' Own ALEXIS PETERSON



Syracuse University senior guard Alexis Peterson has earned Associated Press All-America second-team accolades. She is the program's third Associated Press All-American. Alexis

has collected All-America plaudits, earning 2017 espnW All-America Honorable Mention accolades. She is a finalist for the Nancy Lieberman Award as nation's top guard and Dawn Staley Award and is 1 of 15 finalists on the ballot for the John R. Wooden Award, as National Player of the Year, as well.

As a senior, Alexis was ACC's Player of the Year. She was also 3-time ACC All-Defensive Team (2015, '16, '17). No. 1 in SU history for total assists; 2nd in pts., ppg. and FGM; 3rd in steals. 2016-17: All-America Second Team (AP). Peterson became the first player in program history to notch Conference Player of the Year honors in 2017 (Blue Ribbon Panel) and set the Syracuse single-season records with 721 points and 231 assists during the 2016-17 season. On the year, she averaged 23.4 points, 7.0 assists, and 3.0 steals per contest. In 134 games played in her collegiate career, Alexis scored 1,978 points, which ranks second in school history, and dished out a program-record 590 assists. She made All-ACC First Team (Panel; Coaches). Led ACC in ppg (6th in D-I) and topped own SU season pts. mark. No. 2 in ACC in assists, steals per game. Combined with B. Sykes (19.2 ppg) to form country's top-scoring backcourt at 42.6 ppg. (Her 45 pts vs. NC St. were most ever by a male/female in SU's Carrier Dome, and most anywhere by an SU woman plus an additional list of accolades.

Alexis was All-State First Team as captain of the Northland HS Vikings (Columbus, Ohio), and earned 1st team All-City honors. Alexis, a 5'7" guard, was the 15th overall pick in the WNBA Draft by the Seattle Storm.

## Interested in becoming a GCBLA Member?

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*Save the date . . .*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017**

**Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association  
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Banquet**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus -Worthington**  
175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235

6pm -7pm Meet & Greet • 7pm -9pm Banquet & Ceremony

**\$50 Per Person**

**(614) 321-7588 to Order Tickets**

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