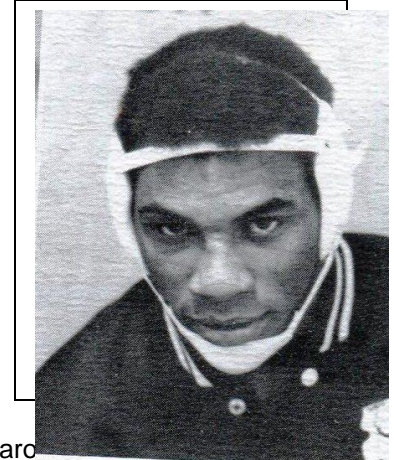


WILLIAM EVANS

Growing up in Amherst County, William Evans developed into an always-in-shape and driven athlete who soon established himself as a force in ACHS sports. He played football and wrestled at a time that the teams were enjoying considerable success, even though ACHS was often changing VSHL classifications (determined by the student population), moves which altered the level of competition seemingly almost on an annual basis.

Twice named to the All-District team, he then went on to attend Augusta Military Academy to hone his skills for collegiate play. He first attended Ferrum Junior College, under legendary coach Hank Norton, who had built Ferrum in a national junior college powerhouse. After graduation there, he moved to football at the University of Maryland where he graduated in 1976.



William Evans was the type of player who challenged everybody around and was raising everybody's level of achievement. A teammate described his degree of motivation with the statement that "the fire never went out." One play on the football field typifies his skill and intensity as a defensive end: on a triple-option play, he managed to take out each of the three options sequentially and singlehandedly, thereby stopping the play in its tracks.

In his three years of competition in high school wrestling, he earned two state championships and lost only one match overall.

College football play at Ferrum gave him one national junior college championship, followed by two years at Maryland, playing for Coach Jerry Claiborne. There he was initially playing behind a future NFL star, then, in his senior year, became an integral part of a bowl-winning team.

Evans' life following college has been filled with a diverse series of involvements: founding schools of modern art in Ohio, Maryland, and California; acquiring real estate for rental to those in lower income groups; working with handicapped children; and training young people in marketing. When he undertakes these new enterprises, no doubt he approaches them with the same enthusiasm and "fire".

William Harrison Evans – June 24, 1951

Career Highlights

- ACHS Football: All-District junior and senior years.
- ACHS Wrestling: Lost only one match in high school years; winner of two state championships
- Ferrum College Football: All-Conference, two years; National Jr. College championship team.
- Coastal Conference Football: Outstanding Defensive Lineman
- University of Maryland: football, 2 years; bowl game winner.