

RUSTY BLOSSOM

Carlisle Hall of Fame Biography

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Rusty graduated from Carlisle High School in 1968, where he lettered in basketball, cross country, and track. He was a three year starter in basketball and was coached by Ken Emrick, Bob Colburn, and Carlisle Athletic Hall of Fame member Mike Ledford.

Rusty received all Dayton Suburban League honors in basketball as a junior. He was also all League his senior year, averaging 22.1 points a game.

Rusty was one of the top scorers and rebounders in the Dayton area and he received multiple basketball scholarship offers from across the county. He decided to stay in the mid-west and attend Xavier University. He lettered three years for the Musketeers averaging 6 points and 4 rebounds a game.

Rusty also had a distinguished track career at Carlisle where he was a three year letterman. As a junior and senior, he qualified for districts and regionals in the high jump. When he graduated in 1968, Rusty held four Carlisle track and field records including the high jump, high hurdles, and low hurdles. He also ran the mile relay with teammates Mick Parr, Steve Colton, and Terry Willis. In 1967, the few, but mighty, 14-member Carlisle track team won the Dayton Suburban League Track title.

Rusty's track coach was Charles "Doc" Laughlin. The track team, the Varsity C Letterman Club, and the Carlisle Alumni Association collaborated to get the football field and track named after Doc.

After graduating from Xavier in 1972, Rusty became a science teacher in the Kettering City Schools. He had a distinguished coaching career at the high school and junior high levels, coaching basketball, football, track, and softball. He also served as the Van Buren Middle School Athletic Director.

Rusty retired from teaching in 2007, and he now enjoys spending time with his wife, Kathy, his four children, Keri, Lindsey, Matt and Katie, and his four grandchildren.