

Charles E Chamberlain Sr.  
Carlisle Athletic Hall of Fame

Charles "Bud" Chamberlain, Sr. was an athlete as well as a revered coach, teacher, athletic director, principal and assistant superintendent in the Carlisle school system from 1942 to 1975. For his dedicated, meritorious service the Chamberlain Middle School was named in his honor.

Bud graduated in 1932 after being the starting center on the 1930-31 and 1931-32 basketball teams. Following graduation from Carlisle he played basketball at Cedarville College and became the first Carlisle athlete to receive financial aid to participate in college athletics.

After teaching at several Warren county schools, Bud was hired in 1942 to teach sixth grade at Carlisle. That year the high school coach was called for service in WWII, and Bud took over as coach of the basketball and baseball teams. During his seven years as coach, his basketball teams won Carlisle's first Warren Co. Championships in 1944 and 1946 and placed second in 1945. Carlisle's baseball team also won the County Championship in 1945. Following his retirement as coach in 1948, he served as athletic director and official scorekeeper at basketball games. He continued to teach in the Junior High until he became Carlisle's first Elementary Principal in 1956. In 1968, he became Assistant Superintendent until his retirement in 1975.

In addition to his active role in the school system, Mr. Chamberlain was a highly respected figure in the community as well. He was the first President of the Carlisle Historical Society and a charter member of the Lions Club. He spent many years as a ruling elder in the New Jersey Presbyterian Church and brought his Christian faith into practice in all his dealings with others. Mr. Chamberlain loved Carlisle and spent most of his 94 years here serving his school, his church and his community.