

Thanks for support at Hall induction

I would like to express my thanks to the many people who came and offered their support for me when I was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in March. I was overwhelmed when I realized that over 80 people came to help me celebrate this momentous occasion in my life.

Thank you to my former Garfield High School Purple Eagle teammates and friends, coaches, teachers, fellow athletes from Wiley, Tech, and Schulte High Schools, friends of my parents, city, county, and state officials, and past fellow inductees. Thank you to Mayor Burke and his wife Vicky, Superintendent Dan Tanoos, and the Rev. Keith Taylor, the minister of my home church, Cross Tabernacle, for purchasing tables for the dinner.

A special thank you to good friends and Purple Eagle classmates John Woelfle, Charlie Williams, Bill Hopton, Dave Ballinger and Dave Shields for spearheading the committee to honor me. Your efforts will long be remembered. Many thanks to Norm Lowry and Don Smith of First Financial Bank for transporting many of the guests to the dinner in the First Financial bus.

Last but not least I want to thank my family for their constant support. Wherever I have traveled they have always been my biggest fans.

As I came back to Terre Haute for a visit this summer I took a tour of the city. I was very proud to see the progress that is being made in my hometown. There have been many changes that show progress and new life and everyone seems excited.

With all of this progress, I am happy to see that the friendliness and caring spirit that Terre Haute has always possessed is still evident. I am proud to be from Terre Haute.

And for all of you who did not go to Garfield ... you can't beat that Spirit of 7-6!

— *Frank Hamblen*

Garfield High School 1965

L.A. Lakers

Los Angeles, Ca.

