

Walter Oreal Griffin Sr. was born on October 7, 1938 in Social Circle, Georgia but was raised in Alexandria, Virginia along with his 4 siblings. He attended Parker Gray High School where he excelled as a basketball player as well as a student. In 1957, he was voted onto the Washington Post's all met team. This marked the first time a black player from a segregated school had achieved this accomplishment. During his playing days at Parker Gray High School his teams went on to win two state championships. In 1957, Parker gray High School rose to #1 in the Washington Post and won an impressive 33 game winning streak in route to another state title. Upon graduation, he received a full scholarship to the University of Connecticut where he went on to play 3 years of basketball, due to the fact that freshmen were not allowed to play back then, and graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering. After graduating, he spent two years in the army after which he was honorably discharged. Upon returning to the Washington DC area, he worked for Western Electric for 25 years, doing equipment development, testing and installation. He was able to retire and enjoy life with his daughter and 3 ~~Sons~~ until his death in 1996.

Accomplishments

He is the only basketball player to be Washington Post All Met from Parker Gray High School

His Parker Gray High School basketball teams won 33 consecutive games

He is in the top 5 for a single season in rebounding average in UCONN history

One of the first black athletes to play at UCONN

One of the first black players to play at segregated school from Alexandria and receive a scholarship to a major 4 year university for basketball

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