

## **MARION TURNER – Contributor**

Marion Turner is being recognized as one of this year's outstanding contributors.

Marion graduated from Wilmer-Hutchins High School where he played football, basketball, ran track and played baseball. He attended KC where he played football.

After KC, he transferred to East Texas State (now Texas A&M Commerce) where he played football and received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science.

After college, he worked at Palestine Independent School District as a math teacher and an assistant coach from 1963-68.

After Palestine, he worked for Garland Independent School District from 1968-72 as a math teacher and assistant coach. From 1972-75, Turner moved back to Palestine where he served as athletic director and head football coach for Palestine High School.

In 1975, Marion was named as an assistant coach for the KC football team.

He spent the next 21 years at KC, serving as head football coach for the Rangers from 1992-96.

He also served on the KC Board of Trustees from May of 1999 through February of 2008.

Marion is married to Sandra Kay Sturkie, and they have three children: Melinda, Laura and Russell.

Melinda Turner Brown is a teacher in Tyler. Her husband, Gary, is a principal at Tyler Lee High School. They have three daughters: Lanie, Haley and Katie.

Laura is an academic advisor at Stephen F. Austin State University's College of Business. She has one son, Reese.

Russell serves as an air conditioning technician for KC and is married to wife, Becky. They have three daughters: Jayden, Brooklyn and Morgan.