

## *Larry Surgers*

### **Football**



Larry D. Surgers was born in Conroe and graduated from Willis HS where he excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and track.

In football, he was an All-District performer, and played on two basketball district championship teams. He was All-District and All-County in baseball. He was also a member of the district champion track and field team.

Surgers is a member of the Greenspoint Baptist Church in Houston and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.

## *Lee Thomas*

### **Football**



Lee Thomas, "Bookie," was born in Karnack and attended Carver HS where he played football, basketball, and ran track under Coach James Hodges. A defensive end, Thomas played football at Wiley College coached by Bob Moorman and lettered as a sophomore and junior. After Wiley dropped football he transferred to Jackson State University for his final collegiate season.

At 6-6, 245, Thomas was signed as a free agent by the San Diego Chargers in 1971, coached by Sid Gillman, and after running a 4.65 40-yard dash was nicknamed "Greyhound." Thomas played for the Chargers as well as the Cincinnati Bengals and retired from the NFL in 1976 and returned to Wiley to complete work for a degree in physical education. He has served on the Board of Trustees for both the Karnack ISD and the Leigh Water Co-op, and president of the Wiley College Football Club. He is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Thomas resides in Karnack and is a member of the Collier Chapel Baptist Church where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Deacons and is Superintendent of the Sunday School. His hobbies are fishing and collecting antiques. Thomas has been married for 43 years to his high school sweetheart, Mary, and they have five children and six grandchildren.