

Joseph Valley, Jr. **Baseball**



Joseph C. Valley, Jr. graduated from Worthing HS in Houston in 1961. He was senior class president and ranked 12th of 168 students in the graduating class and received the E.E. Worthing Scholastic Scholarship.

Valley lettered in baseball for three seasons for coaches Harold Trahan and John Oliphant and was an All-District pitcher and catcher. He also lettered for three seasons in basketball, coached by Bennie Roy, Charles Herbert, and Monroe Lawson.

He attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. and lettered for two seasons in baseball there before transferring to Texas Southern University.

He is retired from the maritime industry at the Port of Houston where he worked for 30 years. He and wife Gwendolyn have one son, one stepson, and four grandchildren. Valley is a member of Holman Street Baptist Church and enjoys playing slow pitch softball, pitching horseshoes, and watching western movies. He coaches youth baseball and mentors his 13-year-old grandson.

John H. Walker **Baseball**



John H. Walker graduated from Pemberton HS in Marshall in 1961 after lettering for two seasons in basketball and being a member of the school's first ever baseball team. In its inaugural season, Pemberton finished second in district play with Walker at first base and hitting over .400. He hit the program's first home run.

Walker received baseball and basketball scholarships from Wiley College but concentrated on baseball leading the teams in batting average as freshman and a junior. In 1963, Wiley was co-champions with Grambling in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Walker earned a B.S. in biology/chemistry at Wiley then completed his master's in industry and technology at East Texas State University. He is an Air Force Vietnam veteran and worked 22 years at Alcoa and 13 years at Bristol-Myers Squibb as an environmental, health and safety manager. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and has served on the board of trustees at Wiley since 1992. He attends Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston.

He and wife Gwen are the parents of two children, Shonn and Tiffany, and one grandchild, Grace Shimada. Walker enjoys golf, listening to jazz and photography.