

Tony Marshburn

Tony Carrol Marshburn was born January 3, 1958 in Onslow County. Tony attended Onslow County Schools graduating in 1976 from Jacksonville Senior High School. Tony played baseball, basketball and football at Jacksonville Junior High School. Tony was a member of the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department's 1972 Junior Tarheel State Championship baseball team. Tony played junior varsity basketball his sophomore year and varsity basketball his junior and senior years at Jacksonville High School.

Tony then attended the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health and Physical Education in 1981. Tony began his coaching career at Southwest Junior/Senior High School in 1984. Tony would continue his coaching career over the next several years coaching at Northwood Pittsboro, Rosewood, and Southern Wayne High Schools. Tony returned to Onslow County where he coached White Oak High School for the next seven years. In 2001, Tony was hired to be the first and only head coach at Northside High School until his retirement in 2018.

Tony coached the Monarchs for 18 seasons making the state playoffs each year. His 2014-2018 teams were undefeated in conference play winning 40 straight games. His 2017 and 2018 teams won 59 straight games including the State 2-A Championship, played in Reynolds Coliseum, over North Surry 86-67. This was Northside's first state title in any sport. The streak came to an end in the State 3-A Championship game against Cox Mill, 65-63, at Reynolds Coliseum. His record at Northside was 354-100.

Northside was the Conference Champions seven times, Conference Tournament Champions nine times, Onslow County Christmas Classic Champions five times and East Coast Invitational Team Camp Champion in 2014.

Tony received the Daily News Area Coach of the Year in 2002-03, 2013-14, 2016-2017 and 2017-18. In 2017 Tony was also named North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, USA Today North Carolina Coach of the Year and East Central 2A Conference Coach of the Year. In 2018 Tony was named North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, Coastal 3A Conference Basketball Coach of the Year and was awarded the Harvey Reid North Carolina High School Athletic Association Male Coach of the Year.

Tony also gave much of his time assisting in various basketball camps as an instructor with some of the best college coaches: UNC-Chapel Hill (Dean Smith, Bill Guthridge, Matt Doherty, Roy Williams and Hubert Davis); Campbell University (Bill Lee); Wake Forest (Dave Odum); High Point College (Jerry Steele), as well as the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department.

Tony could not have coached this long if it was not for the support of his wife Kathy and his daughter Brittany. Tony suffered a heart attack during the 2012 season and Kathy and Brittany was there to support and care for Tony. They both made health a top priority. Tony was blessed to have some great assistant coaches. He was proud to have had dedicated players, who looked at Tony not just as a coach, but a mentor and a father figure. Players comments were that he taught life lessons, he was unselfish, he would go out of his way to provide them with what they needed to be successful in life and he prepared them for every game.