

## **Donald Jones**

HS Principal- 1969/1970 - 1985/1986

Mr. Jones spent a total of 17 years in the Wright City School District all as High School Principal. He was born and raised in Ashland, Mo., near Columbia, Mo. In 1960, he began his teaching career in the Kingsville School District teaching, as well as coaching basketball. Kingsville is in Johnson County, part of Western Missouri; Warrensburg is its county seat. His next stop, in 1962, he returned home to Ashland, Mo. Here, he coached sports and taught for the next four years, then he became Principal for the next 4 years ending in 1969. In the school year of 1969/1970, he moved his family to Wright City and started a 17-year journey as high school principal with our school district. He brought a calm and patient presence to the school district and was a friend with all students.

Mr. Jones received a BS in PE from University of Mo., as well as a Master of Arts Secondary School Administration.

A few small tidbits about him- he was an outstanding athlete, especially as a baseball player for his hometown, Ashland High School team. He was elected to the Southern Boone Baseball Hall of Fame, as an inaugural member! He was also the last charter member of the Ashland Optimist Club. All the while he was very involved with his new hometown of Wright during his time here. After his retirement he and his wife, Lora moved to Columbia, Mo.