

#1C - 1957-1960 Curt Nelson



- ❖ Lettered in Baseball and basketball at Smyrna -1957-1960
- ❖ Helped Smyrna to two baseball championships in 1959 and 1960
- ❖ Known for his outstanding leadership, strong hitting and catching
- ❖ Held the Batting title in 1959 batting .360
- ❖ Braxton Piner said, “Curt was the quarterback of the Smyrna baseball and basketball teams. He caught every pitch I throw at Smyrna.”
- ❖ Braxton also remembered a story about coach, Jim Parkin. He said,” that Walter Morris of Morehead had tried to take Dale Lewis out at second on a slide when they played them in Morehead and he broke Dales hand, so when they came to Smyrna, Caoch Parkin told him and curt to throw at him when he came to bat. So Curt stood up and put the glove right at his head. He duck the ball and walked. Curt through him out at first base, and we went on to win with a 1-hitter, 10-0.”
- ❖ Joe Willis said, “Curt was the reason he was a catcher, he was someone you just respected.”