

JACK PATTERSON

Jack entered West Columbia High School in the fall of 1947 earning 14 letters while participating in football, basketball, baseball, and track.

During his senior year, he scored 16 touchdowns for the Necks in football, played on the District champion basketball and baseball teams, won District in the high jump and pole vault, and was a top sprinter on one of the fastest 440 relay teams in Texas.

In 1951, he received a football scholarship to the University of Houston under coach Clyde V. Lee and played fullback and linebacker and graduated with a degree in Business Administration.

In 1952 he assumed the role of punter and ranked in the top ten nationally with a 42.4-yard average per kick and helped the Cougars to their first conference title.

In 1953, his Cougars played and upset the #9 Baylor Bears and Former teammate and fellow Columbia Hall of Honor inductee James Ray Smith.

Was co-captain of the 1954 Cougar team that beat Paul "Bear" Bryant's Aggie squad 10-7.

He was chosen to play in the 1955 Blue – Grey Bowl Game and was selected co-captain of the team.

From 1955 to 1958 he played professionally with the Green Bay Packers and New York Titans.

In 1958 Jack returned to Brazoria County and has volunteered in numerous civic areas and was elected County Commissioner in 1995.

In 1954 he married Jane Pybus from Velasco and they have three children – Susan Armstrong of Seattle, and Rick and Jack Patterson Jr. of Brazoria.

His children and grandchildren, Kelsey, Erik, Joseph, Phillip, and Lilly, are his most prized possessions along with Jane - his wife of over fifty years.