



MIKE REDD
CLASS OF 1963

Mike Redd played basketball at Seneca and made an unforgettable name for himself as well as his High School. In 1963 he led his team to the State Championship. He averaged 26.5 points in the state tournament, including 41 against Maysville. After the tournament Redd was named Mr. Basketball, the first African American to be so honored.

Redd, a Scholastic magazine All-American, originally signed to play at Western Kentucky University in 1963. But in the summer he chose Kentucky Wesleyan because he could play varsity as a freshman. He played one year and then in 1966 joined the Marines. Even in the Marines his main job was touring the world and playing basketball. While still in the Marines he was drafted by the Boston Celtics as their # 52 pick. He was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. Many consider Redd to be the best basketball player to come out of the state of Kentucky.

Redd spend a decade in France, playing basketball and working with a basketball school. He returned to the states and spent a number of years in the restaurant business, in San Jose, Nashville and Atlanta. As a chef he was noted for his Southern gourmet cooking and for his dishes that featured wild game.

Mike died in December of 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia, from complications of bone cancer. He was 63. Mike is survived by three sons and two daughters.