

Philip J. Reverman, Sr. attended St. Xavier High School in Louisville from 1931-35 and lettered in both basketball and baseball. In 1935 he was chosen to the All District and All Regional basketball teams and, as the leading scorer in the State basketball tournament, was the unanimous choice as Captain of the Kentucky All State Basketball Team. When St. Xavier followed up its 1935 State High School Basketball Championship with a National Catholic Championship in Chicago, Illinois, Phil set the record for points in a single game and points for this entire tournament. He was selected as a member of a 5 player High School All American team and was named a Kentucky Colonel that same year by Governor Ruby Laffoon. He attended Western Kentucky after graduation from high school but transferred to the University of Louisville after one year. Because of Conference rules, Phil was not eligible to play basketball so he played and lettered twice in baseball. He also played basketball for Edentide, an independent team, and was selected to two All-League teams. Following his discharge from the Army Air Corps as a Captain, Phil went to work as a Comptroller for the Creasey Company of Kentucky and worked in this capacity for the next 50 years. Being a great believer in value of community service, Phil coached Little League, Babe Ruth and Connie Mack baseball teams, was a Mayor of Plymouth Village, and was a lector, usher and Minister of Communion for his church. Phil died in 2002 and is survived by a son, Philip J. Reverman, Jr. and a daughter, Sharon Hollkamp.

## **PHILLIP JOHN REVERMAN, SR.**

- Led 1935 St. Xavier High School team picked to finish last in city and not even make state tournament to state championship
- Most valuable player on 1935 team; which is considered to be one of the top teams to ever appear in State tournament
- Named to all district and all regional teams and unanimously selected captain of all state team. (Equivalent to now being named Mr. Basketball)
- Averaged 10 points a game in era where average winning total team score was 20 points a game.
- Led St. Xavier to national catholic championship in Chicago, Illinois where he set single game scoring record (29 points) and total tournament scoring record breaking previous records held by Moose Krause who went on to become Athletic director at Notre Dame and was named to all tournament team
- Selected as National High School All-American
- First teenager to be named a Kentucky colonel
- Member of St. Xavier and Lions Club of Kentucky Halls of Fame
- Attended Western Kentucky for one year on Basketball Scholarship and played for Edenside Semi-Pro team for 5 years
- Graduated in 1948 from University of Louisville with degree in accounting and was comptroller for Creasy Company of Kentucky from 1951-1985.