

## **Robert Russa Moton High School HALL OF FAME NOMINATION**

### **Biography of Joseph Marbury**

Joseph Marbury graduated from Robert R. Moton High School in 1957. He is the son of Rendon A. Marbury, Sr. and Eula Bell Rose Marbury of Leeds, who are both deceased.

Joseph played a tremendous role in African American History in the Negro Baseball League. The desire of African American to play baseball spans as far back as the 1800s. In that era African Americans were playing on military teams, college teams, and company teams. The desire of these baseball players was to play in the "big league", Major League Baseball. However, that would prove to be a difficult transition and no one knew when that day would arrive. In 1920, the Negro National League was developed under the leadership of Andrew "Rube" Foster and other Midwestern team owners. Soon after the Negro National League was developed, leagues were formed in the eastern and southern states. These rival leagues brought excitement to major urban areas and the rural south in the United States, Canada, and Latin America. It was during this exhilarating time that Joseph Marbury joined the league as a player in 1957-58. Joseph was a player for the Indianapolis Clowns. During that time he achieved batting averages of .329 and .361 in 1957 and 1958, respectively. Joseph was an outfielder.

Joseph was inducted into the Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri; recognized by the United States Congress; awarded the key to the city of Birmingham, Alabama, and received many more accolades for his contribution to the Negro Baseball League. Joseph received a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Leeds on January 20, 2003.

Joseph has been married to Annette Marbury for over 50 years. They have five children: Yvette, Ynette, Constance, Darrick, and Dante. They have nine grand children and five great Grand Children. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

Joseph Marbury was nominated by his sister Patricia Marbury Payne.