

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

### **Biography of Rendon A. Marbury, Jr.**

Rendon A. "Jug" Marbury, Jr. graduated from Robert R. Moton High School in 1955. He is the son of Rendon A. Marbury, Sr. and Eula Bell Rose Marbury of Leeds.

Rendon played a tremendous role in African American History in the Negro Baseball League. The desire of African Americans 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 Major League Baseball, the "big leagues." 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 Rendon Marbury joined the league as a player in 1956 and 1958. Rendon was a player for the Birmingham Black Barons and the Indianapolis Clowns. During that time he achieved batting averages of .333 with the Black Barons in 1956 and .350 with the Clowns in 1958. He was a pure line drive hitter with quick hands. He was an infielder with a "rifle arm." His specialty was making the double play.

Rendon was inducted into the Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. He was 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. Additionally, Rendon received a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Leeds on January 20, 2003.

Rendon Marbury is married to Annie Jackson Marbury. They have three children: Perrin, Allison, and Angie Rene. They have five grand children. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

Rendon A. Marbury was nominated by his sister Ellena Marbury Murphy.