

# Sharon Speer Gentry

Student Athlete 1974-1978



Sharon Gentry exemplified excellence both on and off the field. A standout athlete during her years at Forbush High School from 1974 to 1978, Sharon earned All-Conference honors in basketball, softball, and tennis, culminating in her selection to the High School All-American Team from 1976 to 1978. Her athletic achievements also include receiving the North Carolina High School Athletic Excellence Award in Softball and the Forbush Female Falcon of the Year Award in 1978. Sharon's leadership and sportsmanship shone brightly as she earned the Forbush Leadership Award in basketball and the Forbush Sportsmanship Award during her senior year. Beyond sports, Sharon was equally accomplished in academics and extracurricular activities. As a member of the National Honor Society, the senior class president, and a four-year participant in the Forbush Marching Band, she embodied the spirit of a well-rounded student. Sharon's dedication extended beyond high school, as she went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a softball scholarship, earning a bachelor's degree in nursing. She later completed a master's degree in nursing education at University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Over her 44-year career in oncology nursing, Sharon has been a trailblazer in establishing a service that helps patients overcome barriers for treatment of breast cancer in North Carolina. Her groundbreaking work has touched countless lives, demonstrating her commitment to leadership and service. Sharon Gentry's induction into the Forbush High School Hall of Fame is a testament to her remarkable achievements, unwavering dedication, and lifelong contributions. She is a role model for all who aspire to excellence in athletics, academics, and community service. It is with great pleasure that we induct Sharon Speer Gentry into the Forbush High School Hall of Fame.