

## **Kenneth Boone**

Kenneth attended West Columbia High School from 1955-1959. He was a 3-year letterman in football earning all-district, all county, and honorable mention all-state honors. He was a member of the 1956 district championship team and the 1957 team that reached the state semi-finals. He was a 4-year letterman in baseball and earned all-district honors and was a member of the 1958 regional championship team and the 1959 district championship team. Kenneth was a 4-year letterman in basketball and a member of the 1958 district Championship team. He was a 2-year letterman and regional qualifier in track and field. After High School, he attended Rice University on a football scholarship and also played freshman baseball. Ken also attended the University of Tulsa on a football scholarship and played on the 1962 Missouri Valley Conference Championship team. From 1966-1970 he was in the United States Marine Corps and attained the rank of Captain. In 1967-1968 Ken served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam earning the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial flight for outstanding aeronautical ability, unwavering determination and steadfast devotion to duty of the Marine Corps. Ken is married to the former Peggy Lou Gupton Danford of West Columbia and has 3 children, 2 step-children, and is a grandfather to 12. For the last 11 years, Ken has been a faculty member at West Columbia and West Brazos Junior High School.