



SHIRLEY ROWE

Shirley Rowe was born Shirley Junek in a small farm community outside Port Lavaca TX. She attended high school in Port Lavaca and participated in most sports activities. As a senior she was voted most athletic. After high school, she attended Victoria College and SWTSTC where she was active in their sports programs. Upon graduation from SWTSTC in 1953 she returned to Port Lavaca where she taught and coached girls sports in the Calhoun County school system. During the six years she was in Port Lavaca she attained a 97-37 record in basketball with three trips to the play- offs. In 1959 she left the Calhoun County school system to teach in Taft.

In 1961 she was hired by the Gregory-Portland school system to coach girls sports and remained there until her retirement in 1990. During her twenty nine years at Gregory-Portland she achieved a basketball record of 409-181 with four district championships, one trip to the state finals and another to the state semifinals. In volleyball she had eighteen district championships with two state semifinals and two state finals appearances along with two state championships.

In track and field she had six district championships with two state championships.

During her entire career she was an advocate of girls sports and played a significant role in bringing about Title IX. In 1996 she was voted into the Coastal Bend Coaches Association's Hall of Honor.