

Lonnie Cagle

Class of 1955

Lonnie Cagle was born in 1937. Lonnie played football, basketball, baseball and ran track at Dixon High. His junior year, Lonnie was a member of the teams that won league championship in football, basketball and track. His track team won the Small School Track & Field Championship held at UC Davis. His senior year, Lonnie was co-captain of the football team and was also the leading scorer on the basketball team.

After high school, Lonnie enrolled at U.C. Davis. Lonnie played football all four years at Davis. He was named First Team All-Conference his sophomore year and Second Team All-Conference his freshman and junior years. Lonnie was an Honorable Mention on the AP Little College All-American team two years.

He was selected to U.C. Davis football team's All-Decade Team of the 1950's and is currently 10th on UC Davis' career rushing yards list after holding the career rushing record for 20 years with 1,431 yards.

After graduating from U.C. Davis, Lonnie turned down an offer to try out with the Oakland Raiders in their first year as a professional team to become a commissioned officer in the US Navy.

Over a 30 year career, Lonnie rose to the rank of Captain and had command of two ships and a naval weapons base. He was awarded the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. Lonnie obtained a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1973.