

Bruce Thomas

Distinguished Alumnus

Bruce graduated from Herculaneum High School in 1965. While at HHS Bruce was the Vice President of the National Honor Society, Student Council Junior Class Representative, and a delegate to the 1964 Student Council State Convention.

While Bruce had many academic achievements, his athletic achievements in high school set him apart from his peers. He was a talented track & field athlete as well as one of the area's best golfers, but basketball was his strong suit. Bruce played on the varsity basketball team all 4 years of his high school career & was selected 1st Team All-State his Junior & Senior years, making him the first Herculaneum athlete to be selected to an All-State team in basketball. He was a 3-time 1st Team Jefferson County Conference player, an All-District player for the West-Central District, & he was featured in the Scholastic Coach Magazine. Some of his career accomplishments include: 416 free throws made,

845 field goals made, 2,106 points scored, 1,253 rebounds, and 46 points scored in one game.

Bruce won a full 4 year basketball scholarship to Oklahoma State University, however in the spring of his sophomore year, he walked onto the Oklahoma State Golf Team. After a successful golf season, he transferred his basketball scholarship to a golf scholarship. He was the number four golfer on the team during the 1967, 1968, & 1969 seasons.

Bruce graduated from Oklahoma State in 1969 with a Business Administration degree & he earned his Masters Degree in Economics & Finance from Oklahoma State in 1970, and he began work at the home office of General American Life Insurance in August of 1971 until his early retirement in 2001.

In 1978, Bruce married Catherine Bond & they had three children together: Elizabeth, Rachael, & Matthew.