

William Lacy “Bill” Garten

Born June 9, 1928 at Garten in Fayette County, he was the son of the late Lacy A. & Randolph Myers Garten.

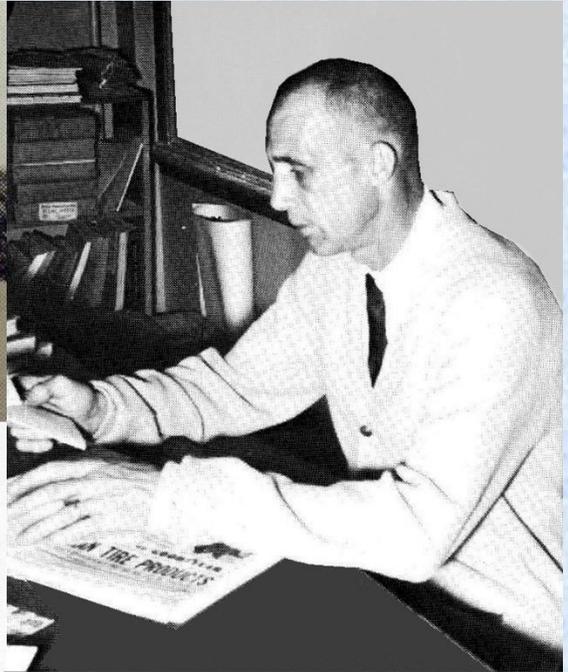
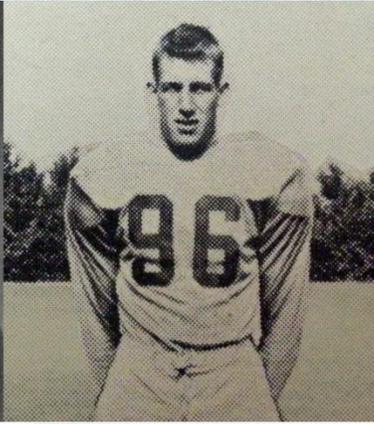
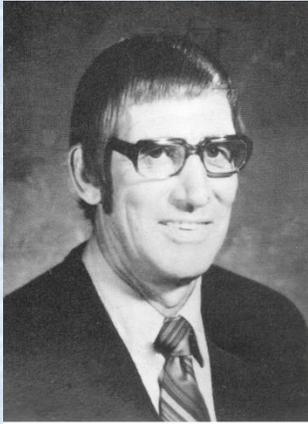
Mr. Garten was a 1945 graduate of Fayetteville High School, lettering in football, basketball & track. He participated in the 1945 North-South Football Game. He was awarded a basketball scholarship by West Virginia University and attended the school until transferring to Concord College in 1946. He lettered in football, basketball & baseball at Concord and was selected All Conference in football in 1949. In 1950, Bill signed a baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs, and played in the Appalachian & Western Carolina Leagues. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and served his country in the Korean Conflict. Upon his release in 1954, he started his teaching career at Hinton High School and was assistant football coach and head basketball and baseball coach at Hinton from 1955-1956. In 1957, he was named head football, basketball and baseball coach at Hinton High. He also served as track coach for 2 years. His accomplishments as football coach consisted of leading the Bobcats to the state finals in 1963, losing to Ceredo-Kenova, and winning the state class AA football championship in 1968, defeating Oceana 9-0. He retired as football coach after the 1978 season. He taught social studies and physical education for 30 years at Hinton High, retiring in 1985. His impact and guidance on young student athletes was immeasurable. In 2001, Summers County High School, which succeeded Hinton High School, renamed their football stadium, Garten Stadium, in honor of Coach Garten.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting grouse, turkey & deer. He also loved fishing for trout, bass & channel cats. He was a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, serving as Past Exalted Ruler, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Willow Wood Country Club & the Retired Teachers Associations. Bill was also a member of the Hinton First Presbyterian Church.

"Bill" Garten died Friday morning May 2, 2008 in Summers County A.R.H. in Hinton following a lengthy illness. He was 79 years old.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Elaine Bradley Garten; one son, Bill & wife Luci Garten of Nashville, TN; one daughter, Sally Garten of Barger Springs; and one granddaughter, Lacy Garten.

William Lacy “Bill” Garten, We Salute You!



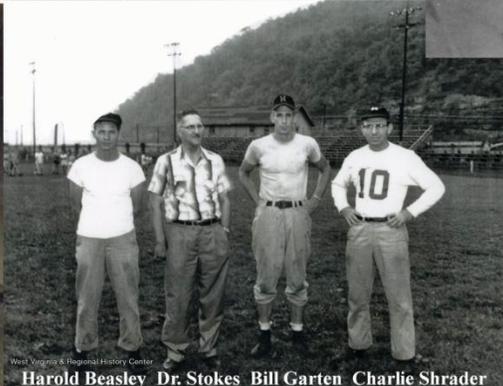
Mrs. Elaine Garten



"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing!"



Coach Bill Garten & Asst. Coach Frank Beto
Former Football Field located along Stokes Drive
ca early 60s



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