

C. REGGIE WILLIAMS

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C. Reggie Williams, it is said, is proof positive that good things do come in small packages. He was always the smallest player on the team, but that did not prevent him from starring in football at Orrville High School.

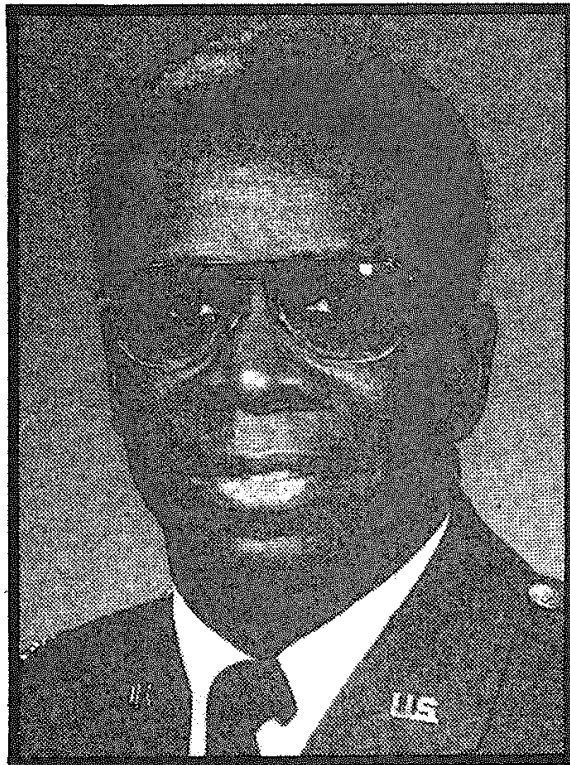
He was recognized as the outstanding leader his senior year of a 7-1-1 team. The 1959 OHS graduate was co-captain his senior year and one of his outstanding memories centers around a game with Jackson township.

With the Red Riders down by three touchdowns at halftime, Williams rallied his troops to pull out a 24-22 victory. He had discovered that determination breeds confidence and that confidence is contagious. He carried the same winning spirit into the classroom and was rewarded by being elected president of the student body.

He enrolled at The College of Wooster largely to please his mother, who was a dormitory maid. He had strongly considered a full academic scholarship from Dartmouth, but he had reckoned without peer pressure. His Red Rider buddies insisted that he had to play somewhere and, in the end, he reported for practice at Wooster.

He was on the second team All-Conference and was named the top Ohio Conference linebacker. He was a four-year letterman in football and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

The 1963 graduate of The College of Wooster was inducted into the "W" Association Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982.



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On the College of Wooster team's game against Akron, he proved to be a small, but powerful, package of dynamite as the Scots won, 15-14, with Williams kicking the deciding point. He became a fixture at linebacker over the next three years, earning All-OAC honors and acting as field captain during every game of his final season.

Along the way he earned a master's degree in education at Westfield State Teacher's College and accomplished work towards his doctorate at Auburn.

His military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Williams retired as an Air Force Colonel in 1990.

He and his wife, Burnedette, nicknamed "Buzz," have two children, Bradley, a law school graduate, and Carrie, who attends The College of Wooster.

They live at 306 Country Wood Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216.