

## *Robert “Hoot” Middleton, Class of 1948*



**MIDDLETON**

Even though RHS had no track, coach Middleton helped his alma mater to 5 MRVC track titles as head coach from 1961-83. The “Trackless Wonders” captured league championships in 1962, 63, 69, 70 and 79, in addition to a district crown in 1970 and runner-up finishes five times. Coach Middleton was an outstanding athlete as well at RHS – and lettered in five sports in one year. After graduating from RHS, Middleton attended Southwest Missouri State for one year before joining the United

States Army and serving in Korea. After his service, he returned to attend Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg and played baseball for the Mules as a pitcher. While at Richmond, coach Middleton taught Industrial Arts and Drivers Education, in addition to coaching freshman football and track. The track and an annual track meet at RHS are named after coach Middleton who passed away in 1999.