

Larry Shorty
Professional Football Player – Educator
Inducted into Hall of Fame October 18, 2013

Larry was born in Marvill, Arkansas on May 19, 1951 to Jed and Allene Shorty. In 1952, the family moved to Picacho where Larry attended 1st – 8th grades and participated in flag football, track, and softball.

At Santa Cruz, Larry was in the marching band and the spring concert band as well as being an All-State selection in track, basketball, and football. Larry played in both the football and basketball North-South All Star games and was selected to the Arizona Republic High School Football All-Century Team.

Among many scholarship offers, Larry chose Arizona State University and started there in 1970. Larry was a football standout and made All Conference in the Western Athletic Conference and Honorable Mention Associated Press All America.

He was one of the few ASU football players to have started in the first three initial Fiesta Bowl games, all of which Arizona State won.

Larry played professional football for the Oakland Raiders, Miami Dolphins, Chicago Wind, Memphis Southmen, and Saskatuween Roughriders. At the end of his professional football career, Larry returned to Arizona State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

Larry taught at Laveen School, Isaac Junior High, Picacho School, and for Roosevelt School District. While he was teaching, he also coached basketball, track, football, and soccer. He coached football, basketball, and track for Santa Cruz. He retired from teaching in 2007.