

## **Gene Shields**

### **Class of 1950**

Shields graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1950 and attended TCU in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated in 1954. He was manager of the Horned Frogs football team for four years and played on the golf team for four years. He coached football and golf at Arlington High School for two years before turning golf pro, as assistant at Abilene Country Club. Later he went to Corpus Christi Country Club. In 1969-1976, he was pro at Preston Trails in Dallas before going to Ridgewood Country Club in Waco and became the golf coach at Baylor University. Waco honored him by proclaiming "Gene Shields" day on March 2, 1988, for his contributions to the game of golf.

Shields played in Big Brother tournaments to help raise money in Waco and Dallas for needy children and were chairman of the March of Dimes to help crippled children. Baylor gave him the Alumnus by Choice Award in 1986.

While coaching at Baylor, he received national ranking one time and they now compete with colleges all over the United States.

Shields is the son of the late Edna and Fred Shields. He married Nita Cabiness and they have four sons- Hal, Steve, Mike and Mark.