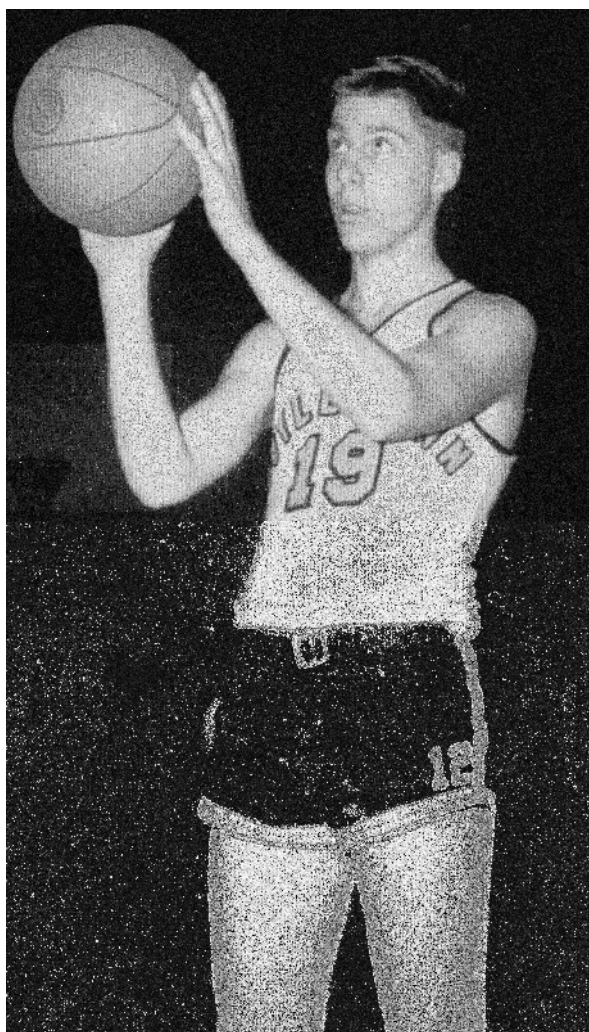


2010
Hall of Fame Inductee
Wilbur Wright -- 1953



Wilbur Wright was one of the last Central Bucks varsity athletes to letter in four sports in a single year, Football, Basketball, Baseball and Track.

Basketball

For the three years that Will played Basketball, he was a very good defensive guard and an excellent free-throw shooter.

- Won the Junior High School championship by a single point with two foul shots after time had expired.
- Played varsity three years and was the third leading scorer in his Junior year.
- Selected All Bux-Mont Honorable Mention when a Junior, the same year Central Bucks won the league title.

Football

- Played varsity in Sophomore, Junior and Senior years at End and Defensive Back his first two years; and Running Back and Defensive Back his final year.
- Defeated traditional rival Lansdale on Thanksgiving his senior year with an 18-yard touchdown pass and a 63-yard touchdown run. The victory was the first win over Lansdale in 11 years.

Baseball

- Won letters in his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years at Catcher and Shortstop.
- Excellent hitter and selected All Bux-Mont Honorable Mention his Junior year.

Track

- Lettered his Senior year competing in the 100 and 220-yard sprints as well as in Pole Vaulting.

After graduation in 1953, Will attended Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, PA prior to attending the United States Naval Academy. He played both Baseball and Basketball for the varsity teams at Wyoming Seminary. At the Nava Academy he played Cather on the Freshman baseball team. In 1958 Will graduated from the Naval Academy, in the same class with John McCain.

Wilbur joined the U.S. Air Force and became a bombardier-navigator flying B-58 bombers. In 1967 he deployed to South Viet Nam flying combat missions. In October of 1969, while on a routine training flight in a B-52, the eight-engine Stratofortress assigned to the Strategic Air Command, the craft crashed at Castle Air Force Base in California. The pilots were practicing night touch-and-go landings when accident occurred. All six airmen aboard, including Will, were killed. Captain Wilbur Wright was 34 years old at the time and left a widow, Annette, and a daughter, Yvonne. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery, just a few yards from Audie Murphy, the most decorated Army veteran from World War II.