**Wardell Stephen “Dell” Curry**

Dell Curry was a small-town youngster with big-time dreams. Not only did he want to be the best basketball and baseball player he could become, but he also had a goal to be the best person he could for his family, community, and himself.

Growing up in the rural town of Grottoes, VA, he found that team sports appealed to his competitive spirit. His talent on the basketball court and baseball diamond led to state championships for Fort Defiance High School. It also earned him the coveted title of McDonald’s All-American and opened the opportunity to test himself against some of the best players in the country.

Curry’s baseball ability attracted the notice of professional scouts and he was drafted by the Texas Rangers. But it was his basketball skill which drew the interest of multiple coaches.

Enrolling at Virginia Tech, he became a four-year basketball starter and pitcher on the Hokies’ baseball team.

Basketball beckoned after Curry graduated in 1986 as Utah selected him 15th overall in the 1986 NBA draft. After one season with the Jazz, and another with the Cleveland Cavaliers, Curry was the first player selected by the new Charlotte Hornets in the 1988 expansion draft. He played 10 years with the Hornets, becoming one of the franchise’s most popular players and the holder of 10 team records.

While in Charlotte, he established the Dell Curry Foundation to give the youth of Charlotte a chance to receive guidance and skills needed throughout their lives.

Curry retired from the NBA in 2002. He has been a broadcaster for the Hornets since 2009 and he and his wife, Sonya, own and operate the Christian Montessori of Lake Norman in Huntersville.

While Curry left a remarkable athletic legacy, he prefers to be remembered as a family man who cared about his community.

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