

Lonnie D. Foster

Educator & Football Coach

Lonnie Foster was born in Los Angeles, California. His family moved to Winslow, AZ where Lonnie graduated from Winslow High School in 1952.

He received his Associated of Arts degree from Eastern Arizona Junior College in 1955 and his Bachelor of Arts from Arizona State University in 1957. He achieved his Masters Degree in Education from Northern Arizona University in 1970.

Lonnie served honorably in the United States Army in 1958-1959.

Upon discharge from the service, Lonnie accepted his first teaching position at Trona High School in Trona, California.

He arrived at Santa Cruz Valley Union High School in 1960 to teach mathematics. He stayed at Santa Cruz until 1972. In 1965, he assumed what would be a most productive position of Head Football Coach.

Coach Foster won three 3A State Championships, in 1965, 1966, and 1969. These three seasons his football teams lost a total of two games. His final football record would be 67 wins, 13 losses, and 1 tie for his seven years as head Coach. Upon his departure from Santa Cruz, Coach Foster, as he became known to the students and Eloy community, set SC records for successful football seasons.

He left Santa Cruz to accept the Head Football coaching position at Chandler High School where he stayed from 1972 -1981.

For his many achievements in coaching football, Coach Foster was inducted into the Arizona Coaches Hall of Fame in 1987.

He retired from education in 1990.