

Thomas A. Brewer Berry Academy Class of 1964

I suspect that Tommy Brewer is probably the best Track and Field Star that has graduated from Berry Academy. Tommy against all kinds of hardships has maintained his athletic ability even today. He holds just about all of the long jump records in the S.E. for his different age groups since age 40. When he was 54 he jumped 19'2-1/4" which was best in the US and 3rd in the world at the time. (Knee and ankle problems have shortened his jumping ability.) Recently at the Alabama Senior Games he ran a 12.3 sec. 100 meters and 25.3 200 meters and long jumped 18'2 or 18'7". He won the shot and discus throws. He still lifts weights 3 days a week and sprint 3 days a week. He holds every record in South Carolina for his long jumps (Furman University, Greenville, S.C.) 40-44: 45-49: 50-54 and 55-59. He also holds the 400 meter hurdles record for 40-44. At age 40 he was still jumping over 20 ft. As he has gotten older Tommy states that "The older I get, the harder I have to train to run slower. If you think jumping over 18 ft is something, you ought to see me get up in the morning."



What is so amazing about Tommy Brewer athletic accomplishments is that he had throat cancer almost twenty four (24) years ago (Laryngectomy operation) He breaths through his neck, Tommy has his own industrial machinery and parts business. (He is the only employee).

Tommy's two sons have inherited their father's athletic ability and drive to excel. Tyler his oldest son goes to the University of Georgia and competes in track and field. William "Trey" his other son On December 6, 2003, Trey Brewer a senior fullback at R. L. Osborne High School won the Strongest Bench in the South bench press held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He won the teenage title and also the open men's title with a bench press of 460 lbs. Trey weighed in at 238 pounds.

Tommy Brewer and his two sons & friend

*You can take the boy out of Berry but you can't take Berry out of the boy.
Berry Academy 1964 to 2004 & 40 years later*

