A three-sport letterman at Noxubee County High School, Eddie Permenter was recruited by the University of Alabama following his prep playing days but opted to play for Hall of Fame football coach Bob “Bull” Sullivan at nearby East Mississippi Junior College. As a two-way lineman in high school, Permenter was a two-time All-Choctaw Conference selection and earned Noxubee’s “Outstanding Lineman” honors before closing out his prep career by playing in the 1963 Mississippi high school all-star game. While in high school, Permenter cemented his name in Mississippi’s prep records book by scoring six defensive touchdowns, including a 90-yard fumble recovery for a score, and blocking nine punts as a senior defensive tackle. Making the short trek to Scooba for his college days, Permenter helped lead the Lions to a two-year record of 19-3-1 as an honorable mention all-state defensive tackle. Nicknamed “cheese” by his college teammates, Permenter was also respected as EMJC’s big-play maker on defense as evidenced by his game-saving blocked extra-point in the Lions’ 13-12 road win over Marion Military Institute during his sophomore season. Though recruited by the likes of Tulane and Jacksonville State during his college days, Permenter instead opted to get married and start a family. While raising a family, he spent 32 loyal years working at West Point-based Babcock & Wilcox (B&W), a worldwide company specializing in the engineering and manufacturing of boilers and steam generators for the global market. A recipient of numerous safety awards during his three decades of work, Permenter primarily served as a welding technician at B&W until his retirement in 1997. Having previously owned a cattle farm in West Point, he continues to stay active in business ventures as owner of the Starkville-based K&E Janitorial Services. Married 17 years to the former Kathy Loftin of Vaiden, Permenter has a son, Eddie Jr., a daughter, Daphne, and two stepsons, Dale and the late Derrick “Bobo” Stewart. He also has three grandsons, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.