

# Hasan Houston\*

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The late Hasan Abdul Houston was a three-sport standout, 6'2" point guard who made his mark as one of the top scorers in the history of St. Louis prep basketball. As a senior at UCHS, he averaged 31 points each game and scored 55 points in a single game; received St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro, St. Louis Globe Democrat All-District and All-State honors.

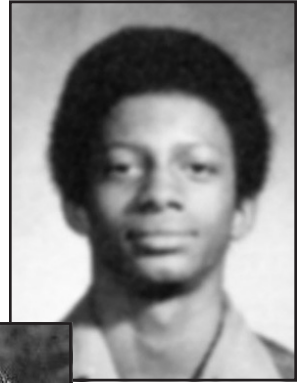
Houston earned a scholarship to the University of Kansas and played a year before transferring to Bradley University. He averaged 9.9 points a game while

shooting 52 percent from the field and 81 percent from the free throw line -- helping the Braves to a 23-10 record. He was drafted by the Houston Rockets and signed to the Chicago Bears, but due to timing and chance, his career was cut short. At that point, Houston committed to family and a brighter future in service.

A leader on and off the court, Houston worked to improve the quality of life for others, both as a U.S. Probation Officer and coach. He mentored youth and developed programs such as Manhood Development to help young men learn personal responsibility. He was also a deacon of 1st Baptist Church of South Holland (Chicago) and Church on the Hill, San Jose. He often served as a motivational speaker for community events.

On Jan. 20, 2012, UCHS officially honored two legends by naming the Edward Crenshaw Gymnasium and Hasan Houston Court.

On March 24, 2014, at the age of 55 years, Houston succumbed to a long illness; a loss felt across the country. He and his wife, Felicia, were married 33 years. They have four children and five grandchildren.



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