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An Interview with Ola Bundy

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Session 1: Early days of girls' basketball in IL during the 1960s and '70s, and Bundy's reflections on her time with the Illinois High School Association.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ola Bundy was born August 4th, 1935 in Allerton, Illinois to Ervin and Marie Bundy. She graduated from Champaign Senior High School in Champaign, Illinois in 1953. During her high school years, girls were not allowed to participate in interscholastic sports. In lieu of that, she took part in the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) days and play days. After high school, Bundy earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois in the department of physical education for women in 1958.

After graduating, Bundy spent eight and a half years teaching secondary school in Illinois. She also became the head of the GAA and the girls' statewide Postal Tournament shooting contest. In 1967, Bundy became the Assistant Executive Director of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). During Bundy's time with the IHSA, she worked tirelessly to get equality for girls and women in sports. She believed that interscholastic sports should be the same for both boys and girls. She is considered one of the pioneers for girls' sports in Illinois. Even after her retirement from the IHSA, she stayed involved in girls and women's sports because she loved watching women participate in any kind of sport. Bundy passed away on Saturday February 18th, 2006 at the age of seventy in Bloomington, Illinois.

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