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SHAGGERS HALL OF FAME POSTHUMOUS JAMES WILLIE (JIMMY) CALCUTT

James Willie (Jimmy) Calcutt, former professional boxer, was born in Florence County, a son of Albert L. and Wilmer Hewitt Calcutt. He was a graduate of McClenaghan High School and was captain of the boxing team at MHS. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and lived in Florence most of his life.

Calcutt's boxing career spanned over much of his lifetime, beginning as a young Golden Gloves boxer at the age of 12 and ending recently as a trainer.

He turned professional in 1952 after compiling a 39-5 amateur record. He trained with ex-featherweight champion Willie Pep for a number of years and fought on the same card with the titleholder numerous times.

Fighting in numerous professional matches and winning an overwhelming majority of them, Calcutt challenged former U.S. Bantamweight Champion Pappy Gault four times, but lost the bouts. He was a candidate for the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team as a young amateur fighter after copping Golden Gloves and AAU championships. He fought in Madison Square Garden and made it to the National Golden Gloves finals as an amateur.

During his boxing career, Calcutt worked as a trainer of hundreds of amateurs in Golden Gloves competition. He was also employed by the city of Florence in the recreation department for a number of years.