



Gayle Robinson – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 1990

Primary place of employment: Michigan State University

Education:

- **Michigan State University (Master's, year unknown)**
- **Michigan State University (Bachelor's, 1940)**

Gayle Robinson served the Athletic Training profession through his experiences clinically and volunteering. He was the second Athletic Trainer at Michigan State University, serving under Jack Heppinstall from 1946-1958. After Jack's retirement, Gayle became the Head Athletic Trainer at MSU from 1959-1973 and continued to serve as a Staff Athletic Trainer until 1982. During his tenure at MSU, Gayle worked with three different MSU Rose Bowl teams (1953, 1955, and 1965) and a part of the 1965 National Champion MSU Football team. Gayle started his Athletic Training volunteer services as a member of the 1967 Pan American games and head Athletic Trainer for the Big Ten All-Star Basketball team that went to Australia in 1971. Gayle also volunteered as an Athletic Trainer for team USA in the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. Gayle tended to the legendary Mark Spitz during those 1972 Olympics Games, in which Mark ended up winning seven Olympic Gold medals. Additionally, Gayle served on the NATA Board of Directors (1964-1966). For Gayle's incredible service in the Athletic Training profession, he was selected into the NATA Hall of Fame class of 1972. Gayle passed away in 1991. People that knew Gayle have described him as "thorough, sincere, determined, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession."