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# Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2013

Welcome ..... Tom Black

Brunch

Guest Speaker .....Ms. Catherine Vereline  
Principal, Central Islip High School

## Inductees into the Central Islip Hall of Fame 2013

Tony Black '74

Bill Carpluk '74

Frederick L. Combs '75

Joe Correira '74

Ed Dalton '77

Gerry DeBrino '64

Ralph Delgado '77

Billy Klinke '77

Lem McCray '76

Joe Moreino '73

Tom O'Rourke '42

Walt Sullins '79

Mike Tice '75

Lorrie (Lucas) Tichansky '56

Suffolk Boys' Basketball Champions '64-65

A Season of Perfection '73-74 Boys' Basketball Team

Closing Remarks



## Tony Black -1974

When we review the great running backs in Central Islip football history #25 is right at the top of the list.

In the 1972 Fall campaign as a junior, Tony Black led the Musketeers in scoring with 58 points. The following year was even more spectacular. Tony scored 134 points and rushed for 1643 yards at a 7.9 average. He was voted All-League, All-Conference, All-County, and All-Long Island. He finished second in the Hansen Award voting for the outstanding football player in Suffolk County.

Tony also lettered in lacrosse and was an All-League Selection in 1974.

On graduation, Tony received a full scholarship to the University of Maryland where he starred at tailback for the Terrapins and played on their 1976-77 Cotton Bowl team. He graduated from Wayland Baptist University.

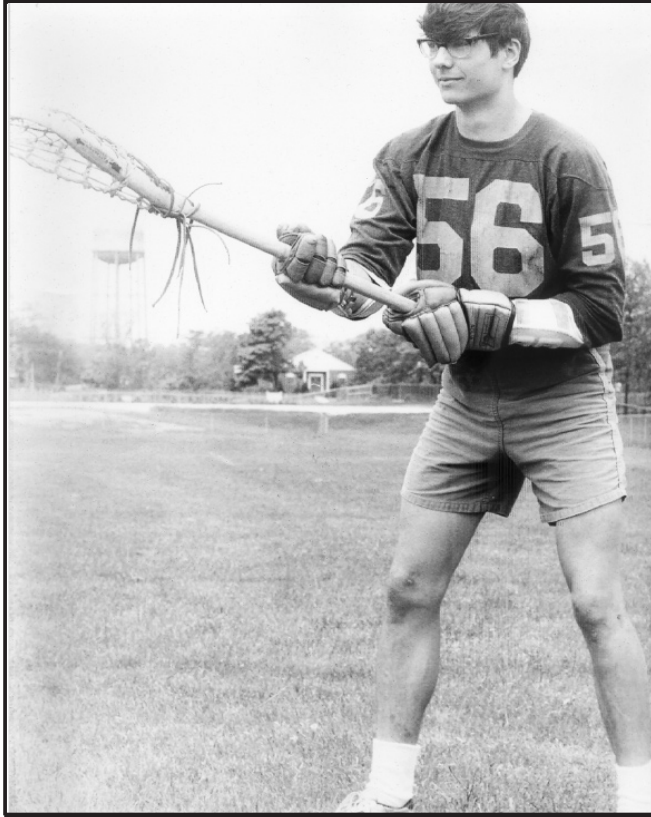
He went into the Air Force on graduation and served for 10 1/2 years. He became a flight leader and was responsible for unit operations and training. While in the service, Tony coached youth soccer teams while stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He also found time to volunteer to teach conversational English to Japanese students in the capital city of Naha.

On leaving the Air Force, Tony taught and was an assistant lacrosse coach at Lowell High School in Massachusetts for eight years, with his team making playoff appearances in two of those years.

Tony is presently spending his time as a travel R.V.'er. He is a volunteer for Good Sam's R.V. Club who assist people throughout the United States and Canada.

Tony and his wife Theresa have been happily married for over 35 years. They have two sons. The oldest, Anthony, is a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, proudly serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz as an electronic tech in charge of communications. The youngest, Michael, is an assistant lacrosse coach at Assumption College and is now coaching at NESLL, New England Select Lacrosse team.

Tony once again rushes into the end zone and this time into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.



## Bill Carpluk -1974

Born and raised in CI his Carpluk name was well known in Central Islip. Our next inductee, made a name for himself as he excelled in two major sports in high school. Bill was a four year letter winner in lacrosse, captain and team MVP in 1974. He lead the Musketeers to a conference championship that year and was voted All-League,

All-County, and All-American midfielder. Bill was also the winner of the Ray Enners Award as Suffolk County Lacrosse Player of the Year.

On the gridiron, Bill was a three year varsity man winning All-League, All-County and team MVP honors in 1973.

On graduation Bill received a football scholarship to Bucknell University where he played varsity ball for all four years.

On leaving college Bill joined the teaching profession and began highly successful parallel careers in instruction, administration and coaching which spanned the last 35 years and is still going strong.

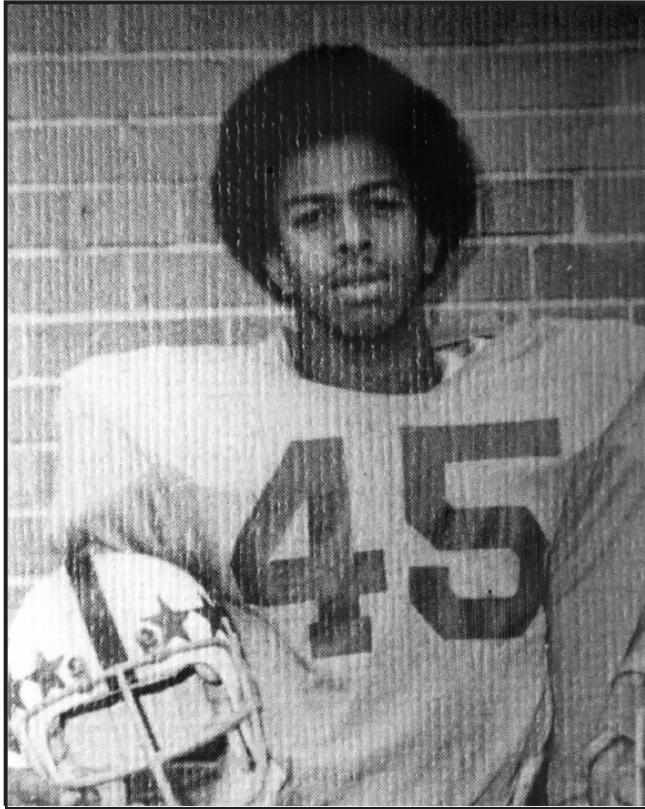
Bill started the lacrosse program and coached for 20 years at Mendham High School in New Jersey. He also coached football for 27 years with an overall record 122-53. His teams won 6 Division Championships, went to the State Playoffs 9 times and won 6 State Championships. He was named County Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2004. He was also the Star Ledger Coach of the Year in 2004, and the Morris County Football Coaches Association award winner. He was also named to the Morris County Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for High School Special Recognition. In 2012 Bill was inducted into the New Jersey Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Throughout his coaching duties Bill was a highly respected Social Studies instructor who later became an Assistant Principal and completed his Doctorate in History/Education.

Bill has been married to his wife Clare for 35 years. They have three children; Rebecca, married to Stephen (one grandchild), William (just married), and Clifford. Bill still insists that he has 3-5 more years teaching and coaching in him.

In the meantime, he enjoys reading (historical novels), fishing, working in the yard, and taking long bike rides as he and Clare prepare for retirement.

In deed "The Doctor is in." Bill Carpluk is in the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.



## Frederick L. Combs 1975

Our next Honoree had an outstanding high school and solid college sports career. However, he made a decision and a choice early on that his studies and education would come first.

Fred Combs was a All-League and All-Conference wide -receiver/cornerback and captain of the 1974 Musketeer football team. He was a mainstay on the 1973-74 County Championship Basketball Team and captained the 1974-75 edition as the Star Shooting Guard for C.I.

Fred states that the most important lesson he took away from both those experiences was that real success came from constant teamwork. Like many youngsters today, Fred was unsure of what to do after high school and turned down a number of scholarship offers to work for a while before deciding on his future. He eventually entered Dowling College and played basketball for two years. There came a point

however, when sports had to take a back seat to academics, and it would lead Fred into a life of service to others where the commitment, self-sacrifice, and teamwork he learned on playing fields at Central Islip would guide his career.

Fred graduated from Dowling and was a Special Education teacher at BOCES for seven years. He worked for Little Flower Children Services, The Long Island Developmental Center, and later with the Mental Health Association of Nassau County, as a Residential Supervisor for 11 years. After leaving MHA Fred started working for the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc . as an Assistant Division Director for nine years. He helped families and individuals gain self-confidence and become self-sufficient. Frederick provides families yearly ,with school supplies, Thanksgiving baskets, and toys for Christmas.

Fred is Executive Director for the Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance, Inc. This is a non-profit community service organization. The mission of the Alliance is to improve community conditions, overcome apathy and negative attitudes by involving the community residents in innovative ways of creating additional housing units, and assist tenants and homeowners to maintain and improve their homes. The goal is to provide an opportunity for the homeless and low income households to live lives of dignity and representing the needs of residents for better housing, job opportunities and community services.

Fred is on the Coram Department of Social Services Advisory Board, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services Advisory Board, Brookhaven Interface Advisory Board, Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. Advisory Board, Knights of Columbus member, former Treasurer for Afro Republican council, former Central Islip fire fighter, former Board member for Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance, Inc.

Frederick has been married for 29 years to Cindy Reide Combs, who he met at Dowling College. Cindy is a social worker for Brentwood School District for the past 20 years. Frederick has one child, Frederick Jr., who graduated from Michigan State University and earned his Masters degree in education from Dowling College. He completed his student teaching at Cordello Elementary School in Central Islip.

Frederick enjoys playing golf, reading, basketball, and watching football. It is clear the decision Fred made years ago to leave the hardwood behind and play on a bigger team with a higher goal has been a win for the Long Island Community and thousands of individuals. Frederick, welcome home to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

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## Joe Correira -1974

Considered one of the best Goalkeepers during his time at Central Islip and honored as one of the most outstanding soccer players for C.I. from 1971-1974. Joe Correira was voted Honorable Mention his freshmen year and All-League his sophomore and junior years. He was also named team co-captain his junior and senior years. Off to a great start his senior year with 4 shutouts, Joe was injured and had to sit out the final 2 games of the season. He was still voted 2nd team All-League for that season. Joe was called into action from J.V. his freshman year when both varsity Goalies were injured and in his first game he shutout Commack North 1-0 . The Newsday caption the next day read that he was less than 5 feet tall and had 23 saves.

During his time as a starter he recorded 11 shutouts, which back then was believed to have been a school record. Joe was also a talented baseball player, although not playing high school baseball, Joe played in a number of H.S. summer leagues. Along

with the C.I. Little League where he was named to a number of the All-Star teams and was MVP of the summer league in 1974.

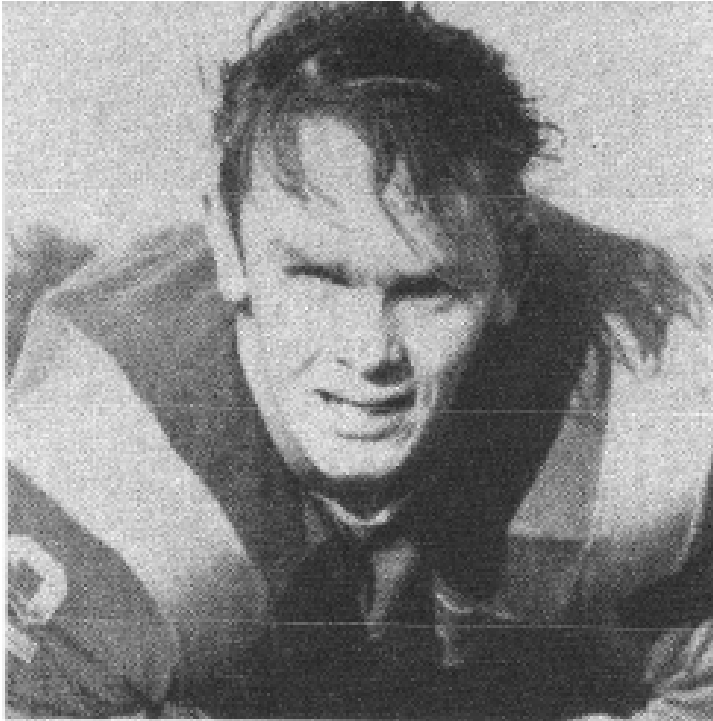
In 1975 Joe was invited to Sarasota, Florida for a tryout with the K.C. Royals and later that year had the same opportunity with the Detroit Tigers. Unfortunately, it didn't work out, but was a great experience. His love for soccer continued well into his 30's when he was invited to play club soccer for the Bay Shore Mariners and continued to play baseball well into his 50's.

Joe remained involved in the community and coached baseball for 14 years, winning a number of district championships in both Jr. and Sr. divisions during the same season. He also coached the C.I. PAL 15-16 year olds to their first and only championship in 2001. Joe also had the pleasure of being allowed to volunteer as a unpaid coach in both soccer and baseball at C.I. High School for a number of years. 2003 was a magical year for C.I. Baseball when we made playoffs for the 1st time in 14 years with a team made up of most of the players from the PAL Championship Team of 2001. That season also featured his son Shaun, who made All-League, and The Yastrzemski Award winner Estee Harris, who was also drafted by the N.Y. Yankees in 2003.

Outside of sports Joe is a 37 year member of the C.I. Fire Dept. and a member of the 1978 Hoboes Drill Team that won the State Championship in Motorized Racing. He was also Asst. Chief from 1988 to 1994 and Chief of Dept. from 1994 to 1996. In 1998 Joe was awarded the Suffolk County Medal of Valor for his actions in saving a 26 year old man from a burning building. Joe was elected to the Board of Fire Commissioners in 1999 and still serves on the board as Vice Chairman.

Joe is married to his wife of 33 years, Dawn, and has two sons Bryan and Shaun, both excellent soccer and baseball players themselves. Joe now joins the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.





## Ed Dalton -1959

The stage is set. A new entity is about to enter the play. It is early Fall of 1957 and what will eventually become a legendary football program is about to make its varsity debut.

The Musketeers are driving in a scoreless game against Brentwood. A hardnosed halfback, number 12, slashes off right tackle for 6 yards and into the end zone. Ed Dalton has just scored the first touchdown in Central Islip football history. Ed will score some more and Central Islip will light up the scoreboard in the remarkable years to come,

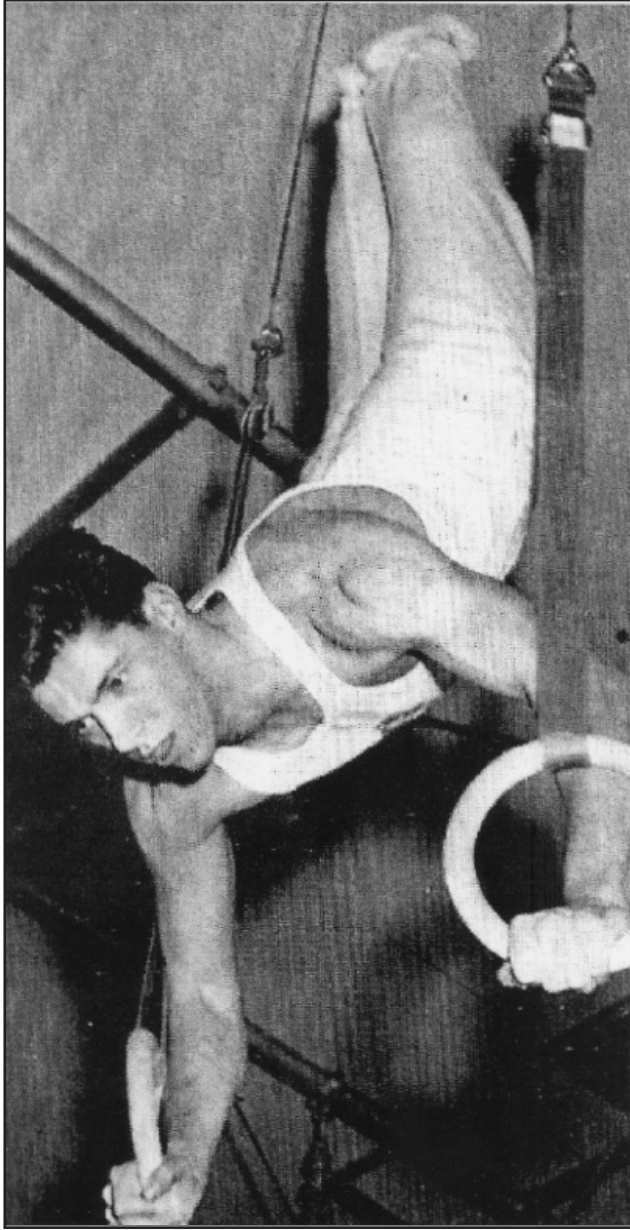
Today, Ed once again takes the handoff and comes directly up the middle to enter the Sports Hall of Fame.

Ed lettered in football and baseball for three years from 1957-59. He also ran track in 1955-56 specializing in sprints and broad jump. In baseball Ed was a All-Star shortstop who hit for both average and power. In his senior year he led the Musketeers nine batting over .400.

After graduation Ed joined the Navy and spent four years with the Seabees, where he was also a member of the All-Navy baseball team. Returning home after the service, Ed joined the L.I.R.R. where he spent a productive 34 year career as a conductor. Ed lives in Islip and winters in Naples, Florida. He and his wife have two children and two grandchildren. Ed plays golf on a regular basis, but hopes his score will not keep him out of the Hall of Fame.

Looking back over the years Ed remembers most fondly that the first small group of scrappy kids who started the tradition of pride, effort and determination that would become the trademark of Central Islip football.





## Gerry DeBrino -1964

When gymnastics burst on the scene in Suffolk in the early 60's one of its brightest stars was our next inductee.

Under the guidance of coach George Weber, Gerry DeBrino was a major factor in starting the gymnastics program at Central Islip.

Gerry came to Central Islip with his family from Brooklyn in 1953. He played Little League Baseball and was on a number of All-Star teams. In high school he lettered with distinction in three sports. He was a halfback/receiver on the 1962-'63 Championship Football Teams. He was the starting catcher for four years for the Musketeer baseball nine which won a League Championship in 1964.

It was however, in gymnastics that Gerry really made his mark. He was undefeated in floor exercise for 2 years running and he often took first place in floor exercise, high bar and rings in the same meet. He was also team captain and Outstanding Gymnast in 1963 and 1964.

On graduation Gerry was offered a full gymnastic scholarship to highly regarded Southern Illinois University, but elected instead to take a scholarship to UConn where he could play football with other C.I. alums . Gerry acted as a player coach at UConn and competed successfully in the AAU

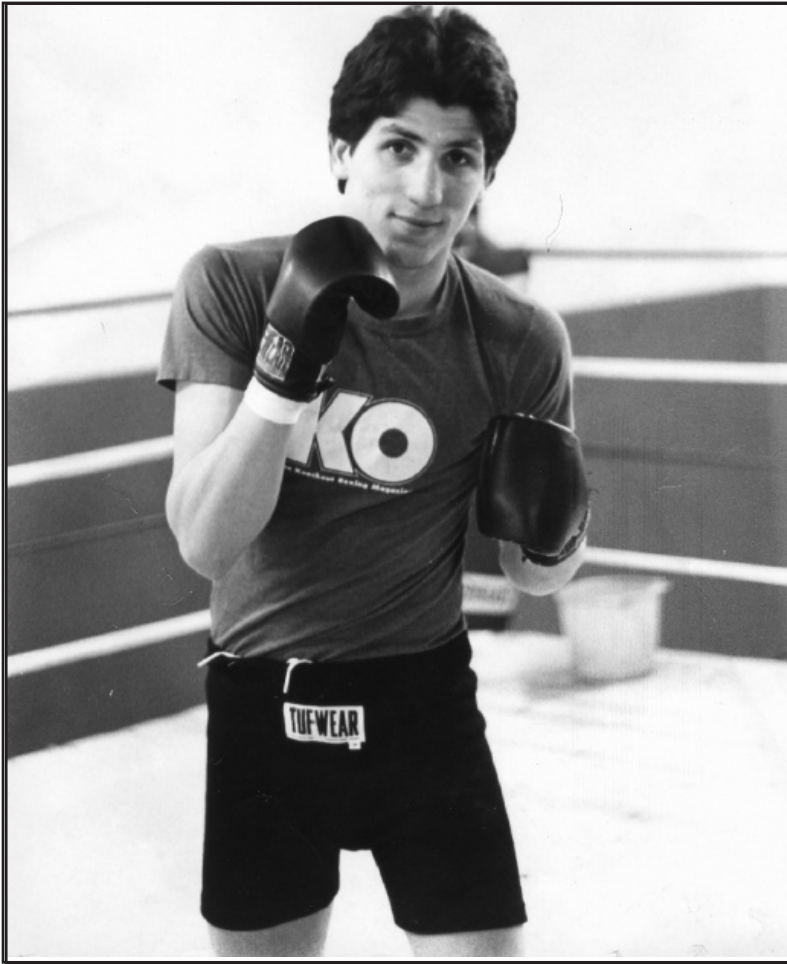
games at Southern Conn University. Unfortunately, injuries cut short Gerry's career and he had to relinquish his scholarship. He went to work and continued his studies part time and graduated from UConn in 1974.

Gerry went on to work for the State of Connecticut as a Youth Service Officer, teaching therapeutic gymnastics to delinquent children. For 11 years he was the Director of the Residential Program for developmental disabled youngsters. Gerry also coached the Girls Gymnastic Program at Plainview, Ct. YMCA for 2 years. All during this time he continued his education, eventually earning his PhD. in Hearing Development. For the past 20 years he has been a practicing Board Certified Hearing Aid Specialist. Considered one of the top experts in the field, he is the author of a number of articles and a definitive book on the subject. He is often called in as a consulting expert on difficult cases.

Gerry has been married to his wife Ronnie for 21 years and they reside in Southern Peninsula, Virginia, near historic Yorktown. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Oldest son Jared produces the documentaries for National Geographic TV and is editor for The Weather Channel.

Gerry enjoys Bass fishing and "insists" that he recently caught a 6 pounder in one of the ponds on his property. In semi-retirement he continues to lecture on hearing disabilities and instruments.

He is humbled and deeply honored to join the Central Islip Hall of Fame.



## Ralph Delgado -1977

Our next inductee comes to us by way of the squared circle as a practitioner of the sweet science, boxing. Ralph Delgado moved to Central Islip from Spanish Harlem when he was 14.

Too small to play the major sports offered in high school, Ralph started to hang around local gyms and clubs and developed an interest in boxing. Training and hard work paid off and after graduation Ralph entered the Golden Gloves Tournament and became a two time finalist at the Bantam and Lightweight Divisions. He also represented Long Island in the Empire State Games.

Ralph turned pro in 1984 and fought on top cards in Atlantic City, Westchester and Madison Square Garden. In a career cut short by injury Ralph compiled a record of 2-2-1 with one KO.

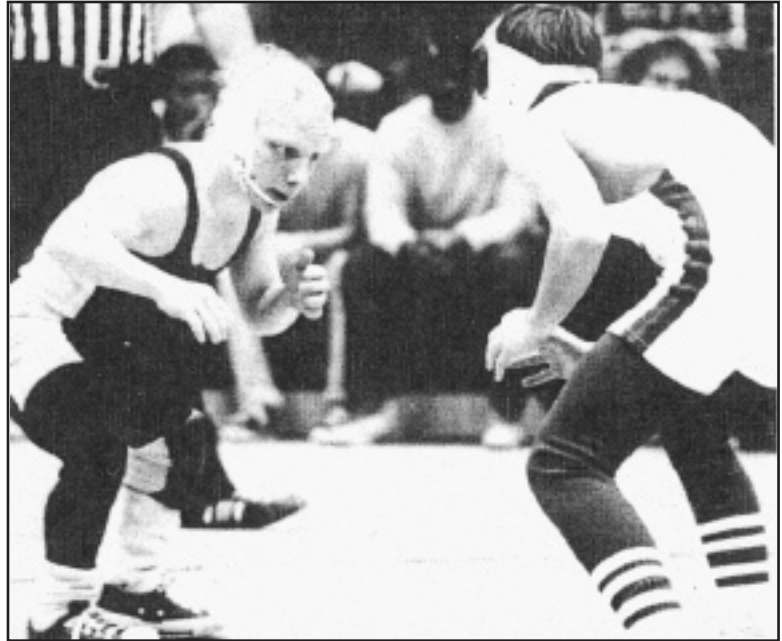
Ralph turned immediately to coaching the sport. He spent 22 years working with youngsters at the Brentwood PAL, helping to keep kids off the streets and in the gym, honing their pugilistic skills and guiding them on a positive life path. He worked an additional 6 years at the Heavy Hitters Boxing Gym. Over the years he helped IBF World Champion Jake "The Snake" Rodriguez and 16 other young fighters who went on to become Golden Glove Champions, including Alicia Dantry, the 2012 Women's Champion at 106 lbs. She was the 4th Champion to come out of C.I. under Ralph's tutelage.

Ralph has worked as a full time custodian at the high school since graduation in 1977 but each afternoon he heads to gym to teach and instruct for 5-6 hours in the sport he loves. Ralph is married to his wife Carmen and has three daughters-Jessica, Dale and Vanessa.

We've checked the judge's score card and we have an unanimous decision. For his accomplishments inside and outside the ring and lifetime of dedication to youngsters of our community, the winner and new member of the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame is Ralph Delgado

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## Billy Klinke -1977



At 93 pounds, he was known as the smallest jockey in the world and nicknamed “The Little Colonel” to his many fans. Billy Klinke rode into record books and the Winners Circle in an outstanding career in Thoroughbred Racing.

Born and raised in Central Islip, Billy lettered in wrestling, gymnastics, and lacrosse. In 4 years of varsity wrestling, Billy had a record 43 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties in the 93 pound bracket and was the Winner of Christmas Tournament, three years running. He credits wrestling coach Phil Williams for sparking his interest in riding. Billy was a tumbler on the gymnastics team for coach George Weber and placed third in the county in that event in 1977. He states that his training as a tumbler saved his life on many occasions by being able to tuck and roll when a mount fell.

Early on, Billy also played Little League Football and basketball, and despite his size, his spirit and determination prompted then coach John Shaughnessy to establish “The Billy Klinke Courage Award.” After graduation Billy began an intensive training program to become a professional jockey. It was five years before he rode in his first race. He states that jockeys are the most underrated athletes and, pound for pound, the fittest in the world. No one would doubt that if you could feel yourself pounding down the home stretch at 40 mph atop a 2,000 lb. animal!

Billy has seen three fellow jockeys and friends killed, and he himself has suffered multiple fractures and injuries which forced him to retire after 15 years in the saddle. All told Billy spent 22 years on the track. He rode over 7367 races with 1006 wins, 817 places, and 820 shows. He had 5 wins on one day, was the 3rd leading jockey at Suffolk Downs, and broke the track record at the Meadowlands.

After retiring from racing he became a much sought after motivational speaker. Over a period of 10 years Billy reached out to more than 70,000 youngsters from pre-k to high school age, on the harmful effects of bullying and teasing. Billy’s subject was entitled “Living Your Dreams”, based on achieving his life’s goals after being told that he was too small to ride. Bill is proud to be a C.I. Alumni and feels that the guidance and encouragement he received growing up here made him ready and able to meet challenges he would face.

We are proud to welcome Billy to the Central Islip Hall of Fame as he joins his Dad as one of our first Father/Son teams.



## Lem McCray -1976

Lem was a three sport star in high school. Throughout his Musketeer career he established some outstanding credentials. In football as a halfback/wide receiver, he was voted All-League and All -County and Overall Team MVP. On the basketball court, Lem was a member of the 1974-75 County Championship Team. He was tapped for All -League and All-County honors and was the team MVP. Springtime found Lem on the lacrosse field where he again earned All-League and All-County status and was again the team M.V.P. Lem even managed to play one year of varsity baseball.

On graduation he went to Dowling College on scholarship and lettered in basketball and lacrosse. He was the Lions leading scorer during his career with over 1,000 points. He was also selected for his College Conference All-Star Team in his junior and senior years. The Lion's also went to National Small College Championships in the four years Lem played.

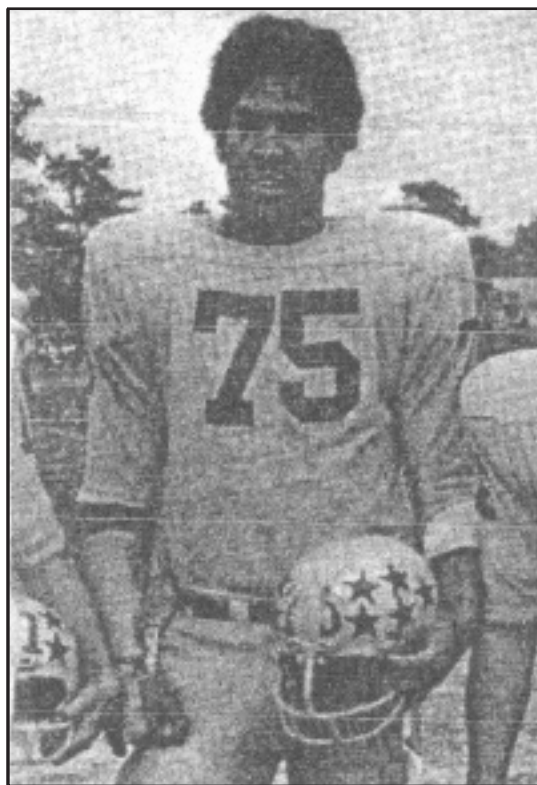
In lacrosse he continued his winning ways, being named team MVP 3 out of 4 years, and received the Houseman Award as top student-athlete in 1980. Lem also played in the North-South Lacrosse Game as a senior in 1980 and won a Gold medal at the Empire State Games in '79 as a lacrosse team member.

Lem graduated in 1980 and went to work with BOCES as an instructor with a career that spanned over the last 30 years. Lem is making plans for retirement and spends his free time jogging and working out “..to keep the waistline in check.”

One thing opponents could not do was keep Lem in check when he had the ball. Lem now checks into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

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## Joe Moreino -1973



In the Fall of 1970 a new freshman football coach was working with one of his young charges on adopting a proper three point stance. This proved more difficult than one would assume since the young man was about 3-4 inches taller than anyone else on the field, including the coaches, and appeared to be a combination of long feet, hands, arms and legs all sprouting out in odd directions. Little did anyone realize that years later this quiet, gentle, ungainly giant would rise to the pinnacle of his sport as a highly accomplished professional lineman in the National Football League.

Today, we welcome back to C.I. and The Hall of Fame, Big Joe Moreino. Joe had a outstanding high school career, winning a prestigious 6 Varsity Letter Awards with an impressive combination of football, baseball, track and lacrosse. Football, however, was Joe's forte and he was team co-captain in 1973, and was named to the All-League Team.

Joe received a scholarship to Idaho State University where he was a rare 4 year starter on both the offensive and defensive lines. Joe was captain of I.S.U Team in '78, named to the All-Big Sky Conference Team, and received All-American Honorable Mention Notice at Division 1AA.

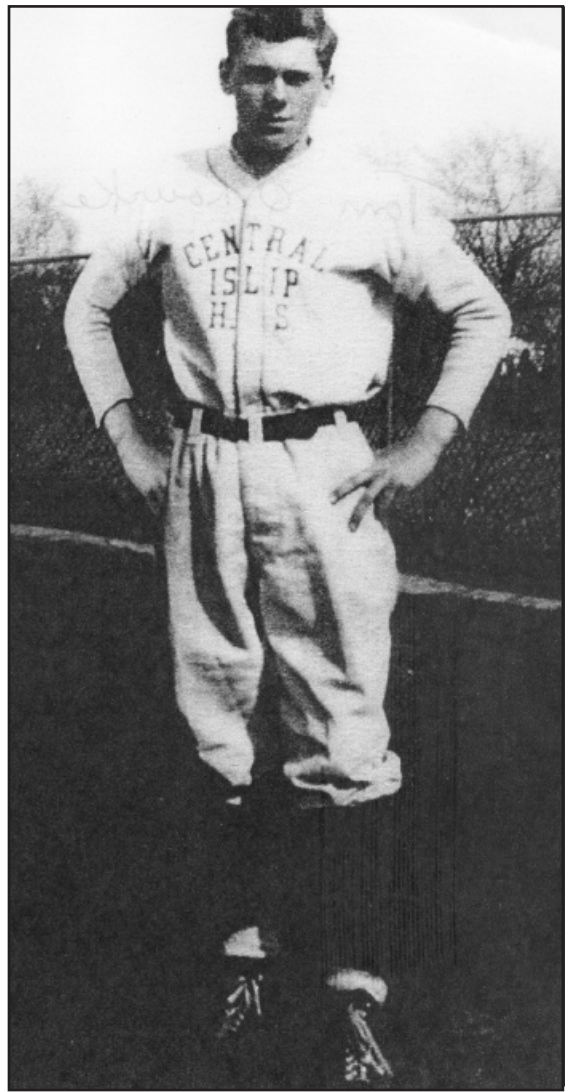
On graduation, Joe caught on with the Dallas Cowboys as a free agent and later moved to the New York Jets. He played for the Saskatchewan Rough Riders in the 1979-80 season. Joe ended his pro career with the Tampa Bay Bucs, mostly on injured reserve before a combination of those injuries caused his early retirement in 1982.

Since then, Joe went to work for the Massachusetts State Dept. of Corrections and then Providence, R.I. Fire Department, where he has been for the last 22 years and where he will retire in the near future. Joe and his wife Jackie have been married for 26 years and have four children and one new grandchild, all of whom live nearby in Rhode Island. Joe's oldest boy graduated from the University of R.I. and will soon join Dad on the Providence Fire Department. His oldest daughter just received her Masters from U.R.I.. Joe says everyone is doing well and he couldn't be more happy or more proud.

Joe played in the band in high school and as a pastime he now plays Bass guitar in a band with some buddies from the fire department, they play 60', 70's and 80's tunes. He has certainly hit all the right notes as he joins the Hall of Fame.

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## Tom O'Rourke -1942



The Veterans Committee rolled back the years to highlight a player of the early 1940's and into the 1950's. This Musketeer could do it all in the three major sports for Central Islip. We honor Tom O'Rourke for his outstanding achievements in soccer, basketball and baseball. Times were tough in those years and Tommy worked mornings in the hospital at 17 to help the family and returned to school in the afternoon to attend class and play sports. Tom lettered in soccer and was a solid power

forward in basketball but it was baseball that his star shone brightest. He was a slick fielding first baseman with a powerful left handed bat and doubled as the southpaw ace of the pitching staff.

After graduation Tom served in the Navy Seabees during WWII. Returning home after the war, Tom began playing basketball and baseball for various local teams. He starred for a St. John's team on the hardwood in the old Suffolk County Basketball League.

In the early 50's Tom turned to fast pitch softball and became a key element in a powerhouse Central Islip S&A team that won several championships as they dominated the Islip Town League thru the decade. He hit for power and average, flashed an outstanding glove at first, had the range and speed to cover center when needed and would pitch in on the mound when extra innings were needed.

Tom had a long and notable career in the Aerospace Industry starting with Republic Aviation. He and his wife Marge were lifelong residents of Central Islip where they raised four daughters, which gave rise to 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

After several moves they retired to Florida where Tom worked on his golf game that he started at Gull Haven in Central Islip. Though he never won any titles, he apparently sparked the interest of his youngest daughter's only child in the Grand Old Game. She is Alexandria Buelow, a nationally ranked junior women's golfer and a graduate of Stetson University where she was Atlantic Sun Player of the year in 09-10. She is now playing on the Futures Tour and hopes join the LPGA sometime soon. Her grandfather would be proud.

Tom passed away in 2010 but he was with us today in spirit as he joins the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame. He epitomizes virtues of good sportsmanship, dedication, hard work and sacrifice found in all champions.



## Walt Sullins -1979

Born and raised on a farm in Alabama in 1909, Coach Sullins was soft spoken, mild mannered and a gentle individual. His country demeanor belied a quick, agile mind and a sharp sport sense. He was a graduate of Auburn University in 1937 and served as a Navy Officer during WWII where he taught math at the pre-Midshipmen school and saw duty at Okinawa.

Both prior to and after the war, Walt taught physical education, coached football and basketball and served as Athletic Director in several Alabama high schools. He received his MS degree from the University of Alabama during this time.

In 1957, Coach Sullins moved to Long Island and came to Central Islip to start a whole new career that would have a positive and lasting effect on generations of young people in the community.

Walt taught math and served as Department Chairman for over 20 years. His patient, calm and relaxed approach became the trademark of his classroom and his coaching. Jack Cassidy can testify that if it were not for Mr. Sullin's hard work and a kindly circled 65 he would still be in plane geometry.

Over the years "Sully" coached JV and varsity basketball, freshman, JV and varsity football and varsity tennis. He also found time to nearly complete a Ph.D. at N.Y.U.

It was however, with youth groups that Coach Sullins had his greatest impact. He was a constant presence at Little League baseball, Little League basketball and youth tennis where his gentle, fatherly approach helped to encourage and shape countless young athletes who would later go on to greater success in much larger arenas and in life.

Walt was married and devoted to his wife Connie of 55 years. They had two children Don and Nancy, who gave rise to 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren,

Walt passed away in 1999. Today we look back on a life spent in service and instruction to others. We look back with affection, admiration and respect and we reserve a special space in the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame, as we salute a southern gentleman - "Now lookee here" - Coach Walter Sullins.



## Suffolk County Basketball Champs 1964-1965

The County championship team was led by Hank Goedeck and Terry O'Leary, two All-Long Island players and CI Sports Hall of Fame members. A fantastic supporting cast included point guard Billy Peters, a fantastic distributor of the ball, Don Sullins, the ultimate team player, and Bennie King (a CI Sports Hall of Fame member for his football feats), who saved his best game of the year, hitting six jump shots from the corner in the championship win vs. Smithtown. Substitute Ed Tyler was a tremendous rebounder and Bill Reinhardt could play all five positions. Coach Tony Armata is also a CI Sports Hall of Fame member.

The 1964-65 County championship team also beat one of the state's top ranked teams during the season, Lutheran HS from Nassau County. This was the first CI basketball team to win 20 games in a season.

The 1964-65 team was CI's first County championship in boys basketball, but not the last, with the next one coming nine years later.





## A Season of Perfection

### The 1973-1974 Boys Basketball Team

**Lem McCray** -He was the point guard who had the hardest job on the court. He had to make four people happy who wanted to shoot. Lem had great dribbling skills and loved to shake people and drain his jump shot.

**Frederick Combs** - The shooting guard loved to shake people, drive to the basket, and give a good assist. Fred had great dribbling skills and loved stealing the ball from his opponents.

**Robert Stallworth** – The Co-Captain and best player on the team an All-County section. Bobby was a 6’3” small forward had great dribbling skills and a smooth jump shoot.

**Donald Milton** – Don was the Dennis Rodman of the time. He was a 5’11 power forward who could jump out the gym. He was a shot blocker and rebounding machine. Don’s rebounding was one part of a fast break machine.

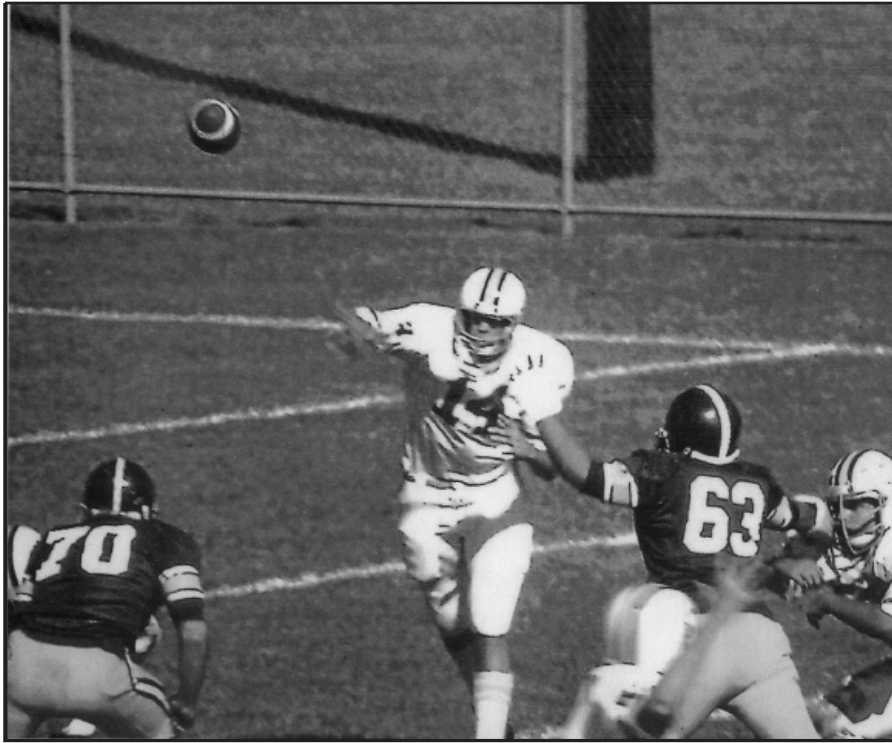
**Willie Combs** – Willie was a 6’2” Center who could also jump out the gym. He was a shoot blocker and rebounding machine. Willie’s rebounding was the other part of the fast break machine.

**Kevin Hande** - Kevin was the Co-Captain and a pure shooter. If there was a six man award in the County he would have won it.

This was a season where most of the players on the team were underclassman. The starting five consisted of 2 Seniors, 2 Juniors, and a Sophomore. One great thing about this team was they played pickup games and summer league together. They were a unit and knew each other’s game always looking out for one another. It wasn’t an easy season. They ended the regular season tied up with Copiague as League Champs.

In the playoffs, CI had to play 5 games and set a record for most points scored in a playoff game. That record was broken two years later by North Babylon. There were three games during the playoffs that stood out. Bridgehampton was undefended and ranked #1 in the County. This was the only team CI ever faced that we were bigger then. It was a game CI needed to make a statement. CI won by 15 points. West Islip was a team CI knew nothing about and felt it would be an easy game.

At half time CI was losing and a fight broke out. After receiving a blessing at half time CI beat West Islip. Finally, semi-finals Copiague, our league co-champs. This was the only team CI as a unit were concerned about facing. CI was losing in the fourth quarter with less than 2 minutes when Kevin hit a long jump shot to put us up and seal the victory. In the finals CI faced Riverhead, whose smallest starter was the height of our tallest player. CI remembers hearing them in the locker room singing “For the Love of Money”. They were overconfident thinking they could beat CI. That was their downfall. The 1973-1974 Boys’ Basketball team were the Suffolk County Champs.



## Mike Tice -1977

Certainly Central Islip's best known and most celebrated alumnus is Michael Tice. His sports awards and accomplishments are almost too many to mention, but we will try.

Mike was born and raised in Central Islip and early on

demonstrated outstanding ability in football and basketball youth programs. Entering high school, Mike started to set records almost immediately. He grew to 6'7 and 210 pounds as a quarterback, almost a record for Suffolk football in itself. Here is just a brief overview of his career.

High school-Football: From 1974-76 Mike was C.I.'s leading scorer from his QB position. In 1976, he was selected All-League, All-County, and All-Long Island. He was the winner of the Hansen Award, symbolic of the outstanding player in Suffolk County. His high school totals included 13 TD passes, 19 TD runs, 6 PAT runs, 7 PAT passes and 126 points. Mike also played varsity basketball for three years .

On graduation, Mike received a scholarship to the University of Maryland where he attended and starred at Quarterback for four years. He led the Terrapins in passing in 1980 and 1981 with a 50% completion rate, 10 TDS, and an overall record of 15-8-0 in his starts.

Drafted out of college in 1981 by the Seattle Seahawks, Mike began a long and productive 14 year career in the NFL. Taking into account his size, 6'7 and 246 lbs speed ,and agility, Mike made the transition to tight end/wide receiver in the NFL playing for Seattle, the Minnesota Vikings, and the Washington Redskins. Mike played in 176 games from 1981-1995. He had 107 receptions for 894 yds and 11 TDS with a 8.4 yd average.

Mike's affiliation with the NFL did not stop there. From 1999-2001 he was an Assistant Coach with the Minnesota Vikings.

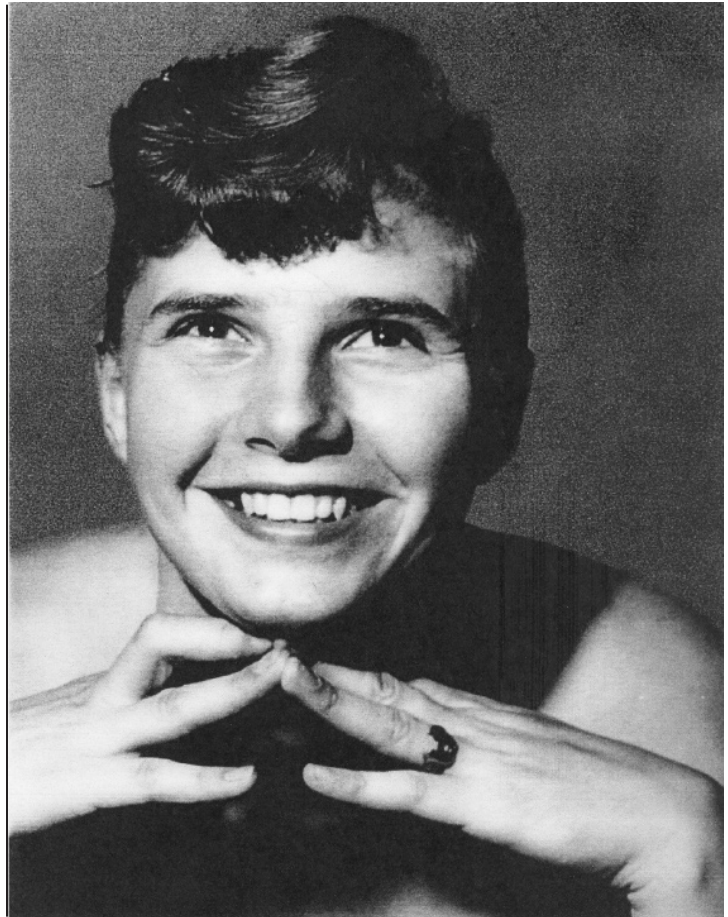
In 2001, Mike became Viking's head football coach, compiling a respectable 23-26-0 record over 4 seasons. From there, Mike moved to the Jacksonville Jaguars for 3 campaigns as Assistant Head Coach/TE coach. In 2010, Mike became the offensive line coach and later offensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears.

This year, Mike received an additional honor as he was named as one of the 2013 inductees into the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame.

Throughout all this, Mike has relied on Diane (also a C.I. girl), who he has been married to for many years. They have 2 children, a daughter, Adrienne and a son, Nate. Nate, at 6'4 and 203 lbs. followed in his Dad's considerable footsteps and quarterbacked at Central Florida University after a stellar high school career in Minnesota, where he was an All-State selection.

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## Lorrie Lucas Tichansky -1956



We return once again to the fabulous Fifties to select a Lady Musketeer who played in everything but the marching band.

Lorrie Lucas Tichansky marches into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame with a high school sports resume that hardly left time to attend classes. In the era before Women's Interleague play, Lorrie played at a varsity level for four years in softball as a star first baseman, in volleyball for four years, three years of varsity basketball as a starting guard, two years badminton, field hockey in her senior year and two years of ping pong. WOW!

Lorrie was awarded the Gold Key, emblematic of outstanding achievement in female athletics in Suffolk County in 1956.

Lorrie has stayed active in sports throughout her lifetime on a social level, playing tennis, bowling, and roller skating.

Lorrie lives in Babylon, and was married to her husband Ted for 47 years. Unfortunately, Ted passed away in 2010. They have three children; Stephan, Kathi, and Karen. They are extremely proud of Mom as are we all, as the pioneer female star joins the Hall.

