



Craig Allegrezza Class of 1972

Craig Allegrezza was one of the top athletes in the forefront of Milford High School's athletic resurgence in the early 1970's. His contributions on both the basketball court and the baseball diamond set standards that few athletes that followed were able to match.

Allegrezza, a two-year starter at center for the basketball team, progressed from a solid junior season to become a threat at both ends of the court during his senior campaign. He averaged 17 points and 15 rebounds a game as he led the Scarlet Hawks to a Midland League title and a district playoff appearance in 1972.

The baseball mound, however, is where Craig left his legacy, a legacy few, if any, future Milford High School pitchers would come close to matching. During his three years as a starting pitcher, Allegrezza led Milford to three Midland League Championships, three straight District playoff appearances and a District Championship in 1972. As a fifteen year old sophomore, Craig pitched an 11 inning no-hitter. He finished his high school career with a personal record of 23-5 and an earned run average of less than 1.0 ! Allegrezza also pitched for the Milford Legion Baseball team for three years, posting a record of 29-2 with a three year ERA of less than .90 , leading the team to State Championships in 1970 and 1972. He was most proud of his 1972 season, when he was 12-0, had an ERA of .25 and struck out 155 batters in 102 innings. During that phenomenal season, he had a string of 45 consecutive scoreless innings. When he was unable to pitch during his last season in 1973 because of a torn tendon in his arm, Craig played right field and led the team with a .432 batting average.

Craig was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates as a 17 year old in the 9th round of the 1972 major league baseball draft. Rather than signing, he accepted a four year scholarship to UMass, where he enjoyed much success despite being plagued by injuries. He was named to the Yankee Conference All Academic Baseball Team in each of his last two seasons.

Allegrezza was again selected in the 1976 baseball draft by the Baltimore Orioles, and played four seasons of minor league ball before leaving professional baseball in 1980. Craig now resides in Denver, Colorado with his wife, Shawn, and children, Benjamin and Isabella. He has always been, and will always be, an avid baseball fan.



R. Allen Alves Class of 1964

R. Allen Alves, Milford High School Class of 1964, was a hard-nosed competitor and the ultimate team player. Voted by his classmates as "Most Athletic" (along with his future bride Phyllis Pillarella), Allen starred on the football field, basketball court, and baseball diamond.

A three-year varsity letter-winner, Allen was a threat to score any time he touched the football. As Coach John Calagione was quoted as saying "the defense was keyed to stop Allen Alves." His two touchdowns, halfback-option pass, one hundred yards rushing and a key fumble recovery led to an upset victory over heavily favored Southbridge in the opening game of the 1962 season and gave just a hint of what was to come. He finished his junior season gaining over 900 yards during an eight game schedule, and helped MHS to its best record in three years.

Allen also played three years of varsity basketball. A fierce defender and a solid shooter, he averaged over 12 points per game from his guard position, and led the team in scoring.

Alves was a coach's dream on the baseball diamond. Always a threat to steal a base, he was also a consistent hitter, batting almost .300 over his career. A four-year varsity player in centerfield, Allen was considered one of the best defensive players of his time.

As fine an athlete as he was, Allen has been a major contributor to the Town of Milford. After a 15 year career as a firefighter, he owned and operated the Alves-Ruggiero Ambulance Service for 17 years. A leader in providing emergency treatment, his company was the first full-time ambulance in Milford and became the first private ambulance service in the state of Massachusetts licensed for Advanced Life Support. Allen has been a strong supporter and has volunteered countless hours to the athletic programs at Milford High School. Active in numerous charitable and youth sport organizations, Allen was presented with the Outstanding Citizen Award in 1984 and was selected as "Mayor of Prospect Heights" in 1996.

Allen has been married to his high school sweetheart, Phyllis, for 40 years. They are the parents of three children- Michelle Gerard, Chris Alves and Rachel Driscoll and the proud grandparents of six.