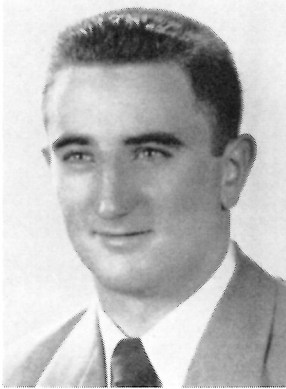


Joseph T. Stoico
Class of 1951



Joseph T. Stoico was the epitome of the three-sport star athlete during the late 40's and early 50's at Milford High School. A fine rebounder for three seasons on the basketball court, Joe stood out as a four-year letterman on both the football and baseball teams.

"Lefty" was right at home on both the gridiron as well as the diamond. No other MHS athlete other than Charlie Brucato has had such an illustrious career in these two sports. Joe was a force to be reckoned with in football, "...a true leader who displayed "fullbacking" feats never seen before on a Milford High School football team." A solid first-baseman, Joe hit for both average and power. A Midland League All-Star his senior year in both sports, he was also voted the Outstanding Player of the 1950 Class C All-Star Football Game.

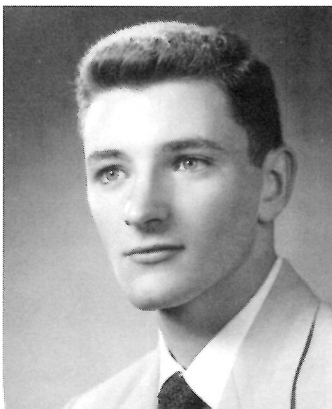
Stoico was awarded a full four-year football scholarship to Boston University, where he earned two varsity letters as a starting linebacker. He also continued his baseball exploits, earning three letters and becoming an All-New England first baseman. Upon graduation, Joe had the opportunity to sign both professional football and baseball contracts. He opted to sign with the Kansas City Athletics baseball organization.

After two years of minor league ball and two years of service in the Army, Joe was appointed a Physical Education teacher in Milford in 1959. He became Varsity Baseball Coach in 1961. His teams earned three Central Mass Championships and one State Runner-up ('65) during his eight years at the helm. He also was an assistant football and JV basketball coach for eight years.

An intense competitor, innovator and motivator, no one took more pride in wearing the Milford High School uniform as either a player or coach as Joe Stoico did. He leaves a legacy that few will match but all will remember.

Stoico, the husband of Ann (Serrano) Stoico, is the father of Mark, Dana and Jolyn Wong and the grandfather of six.

Robert L. Stoico
Class of 1954



Robert L. Stoico, Class of 1954, was a versatile three-sport athlete like his older brother, Joe. Like Joe, Bobby was a standout on the baseball diamond. However, while Joe excelled on the gridiron, Bobby became a star on the basketball court.

The 1954 edition of the OLI portrayed him as "Athletic...polite...good looking... the sharp shooting center of our basketball team....Bobby has become part of Milford's history through his performance with the Junior Legion baseball teams of the past two years...the Jim Thorpe of MHS."

A tall, lanky right-hander, Bobby compiled an unbelievable record of 24-1 in three years at Milford High, which included records of 9-0 and 8-0 his last two years. Along with Ralph "Lefty" Lument, he pitched Milford High to three consecutive Midland League titles, the Eastern Mass Championship in 1953,

and Eastern Mass Finalist in 1954. In Legion baseball, the two hurlers, who many still consider "the greatest pitching combination in high school and Legion history", guided Milford to the National Finals in 1952 and '53. Bobby was 19-3 over those two years, and two of those losses occurred in the National Finals each year. After one semester at Dean Academy, he signed a professional contract with the Milwaukee Braves and played six seasons in their system.

Bobby was also an outstanding hoops player. During his junior year, he scored 342 points, at that time the second highest single season total in school history. He followed that up his senior year with 280 points. He averaged nearly 17 points per game over a three-year period.