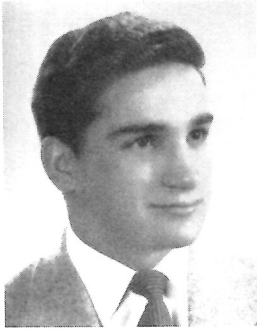


Robert F. Pagnini
Class of 1952



Robert F. Pagnini graduated from Milford High School in 1953. Although Bob was co-captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams his senior year, and was very instrumental in their success, baseball was his dominant sport.

Bob began playing Milford PeeWee Baseball and progressed through Stacy Junior High, Milford High, American Legion and The University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Bob had a fantastic career playing American Legion Baseball for Powers Post #59 under Coach Pep Morcone. The team advanced to the National Finals in both 1952 in Denver, Colorado and 1953 in Miami, Florida. He was the youngest player ever to be chosen for the team, joining as a 13 year-old, and the only player to start in each of five seasons from 1949-1953. In 1953, he became the first Milford player to be chosen Most Valuable Legion Player in Massachusetts.

Bob went on to coach Legion Baseball from 1970-1974 and again from 1979-1980, winning five zone championships and two state championships in 1970 and 1972. He coached the AAABA Milford team which was the runner-up at Johnstown, PA in 1961. Bob modeled himself after his renowned high school coach Charlie Brucato.

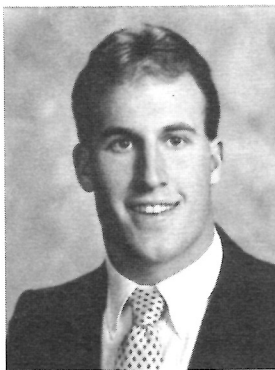
Bob was a teacher, coach and athletic director for seven years at St. Mary's Central Catholic High School in Milford, Assistant Principal at Hopedale Jr-Sr High School for eleven years, and Principal of Milford High School from 1982-1995.

The Honorable Francis J. Larkin remembered Bob with these quotes: "Whether as a player or coach, there is no question that Bob Pagnini was a supremely gifted athlete and mentor....In addition to incomparable athletic ability, Bob had all the gentler qualities: loyalty, modesty, high- courtesy regard for the tender places in life to a degree unusual in such a superb competitor in the athletic arena, and an unselfishness remarkable in a person of any vocation or calling...."

Stanley Jones, former Milford Daily News Sports Editor had these words to say: "Bob Pagnini ...was a born leader without trying to lead. Leadership came naturally to him, and he wore the mantle well." Although short in stature, Bob was a giant when he played or coached.

Bob passed away unexpectedly on April 5, 2000. He was married for 42 years to Irene and was the father of Cheryl, Karen (Pagnini) LeBlanc and John.

James M. Pyne
Class of 1989



James M. Pyne graduated from Milford High School in 1989. An outstanding three-sport athlete, he was a major force in football, basketball, and track and field and captained all three teams.

Jim was a two-year starter for the basketball team and MVP during his senior year. He was a fierce rebounder and defender who made his presence known under the boards. The MVP of the track and field team, he was the Mid-Wach League Champion in both the shot put and javelin, holds the school record for the javelin, and was also the 1989 New England and AAU/Junior Olympic Regional Champion for the event.

Without a doubt, Jim was one of the best linemen in MHS history. A three-year starter at center, he anchored the line on both the 1987 and 1988 Super Bowl Championship Teams. Jim was a devastating blocker who was chosen Mid-Wach League and Central Mass. MVP, as well as to the All-State and Street and Smith All-American Teams.

Jim's accomplishments on the football field at Virginia Tech are legendary. He was a four-year starter at center, *Football News* All-American his freshman and sophomore years, two-time All Big East, everyone's 1st Team All American his senior year, and a finalist for the Outland Trophy and Vince Lombardi Award in 1993. A team captain, he *never* allowed a quarterback sack in four years (over 2,700 snaps). Jim played in the Senior Bowl, the Hula Bowl, East-West Shrine Game, and the Blue-Gray All-Star Game. He was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, later signed as a free-agent with the Detroit Lions, and was subsequently the number one draft pick of the expansion Cleveland Browns in 1999, where he is a starting guard.

Jim is the son of George III and Rosalyn Pyne and brother of George IV, Tara Pyne Kennelly, and David. With his grandfather, George Jr., and his father having played in the NFL before him, they are the only three-generation family to have ever played in the National Football League.