



Joseph J. Casasanta **Class of 1919**

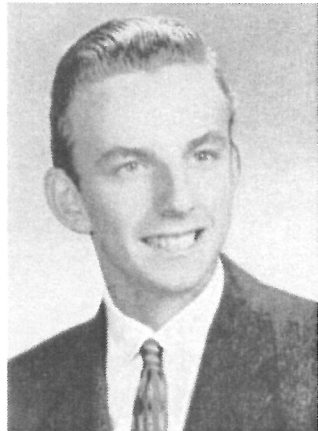
Although there are few records of organized sports that were played at Milford High School prior to 1925, Joseph J. Casasanta, Class of 1919, was considered one of Milford's finest baseball players who compiled a team high batting average of .364 during his senior year.

Joe was also a talented musician who went on to musical fame as the Band Director at the University of Notre Dame from 1923 to 1942. Prior to his long tenure as Director, the Notre Dame Band was relatively small. Casasanta developed the Band into a large, organized group which made a tremendous impact upon college music, parallel in many ways with the development of the Notre Dame Football program under legendary coach Knute Rockne. The Band was the first college band to do formations on the football field.

The famous "Notre Dame Victory March", which is the most recognized and arguably the best college fight song in the country, was written by the Shea brothers in 1908 but was little used. Casasanta skillfully arranged the piece to sound the way it does today. It was honored as the greatest of all fight songs in 1969 as college football celebrated its centennial.

Joe also composed the University's alma mater, "Notre Dame Our Mother". This gentle hymn was first played at the funeral of Coach Rockne after his tragic death in a 1931 plane crash. It was adopted as the alma mater shortly thereafter.

Casasanta also added Notre Dame's other famous football songs- "Hike, Notre Dame", "When The Irish Backs Go Marching By", and "Down the Line".



F. Timothy Carroll **Class of 1959**

F. Timothy "Tim" Carroll was a graduate of the Milford High School Class of 1959. While at MHS, he starred on both the Cross Country and Basketball teams.

Tim ran Cross Country for four years, originally as a means of staying in shape for basketball, but soon left his mark as a legitimate threat to win any race he entered. He emerged as the team's number two runner during his junior and senior years, and was elected a co-captain for his final campaign.

A four year member of the basketball team, Tim captained the Scarlets during his senior year. He was considered one of the most accurate shooters in Milford High history. He averaged about 20 points per game, and helped lead Milford to two Midland League championships. During his junior year, he scored 32 points in one game, which was the highest school total up to that time, and earned Midland League All Star status.

Tim was chosen "Most Athletic" in the Class of 1959, and also won the Joseph Rosenfeld Scholarship for outstanding citizenship. Upon graduation, he received a full scholarship to Dean Junior College, where he scored in double figures and helped the team to a New England championship in 1960. He then transferred to North Adams State College and led the team to three straight Massachusetts State College Championships, again scoring in double figures all three years.

After graduating from North Adams, Tim began a career in education and also coached varsity basketball for five years at Northern Berkshire Regional Technical School. He was awarded a Fellowship to Temple University, where he earned his Master's degree. He then served as Coordinator of Technical Education in southeastern Massachusetts for the Board of Education. He became Principal of Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical High School in 1975, before serving as its Superintendent. Tim has continued to be involved in high school athletics as a member of the MIAA Basketball Committee for over 20 years.