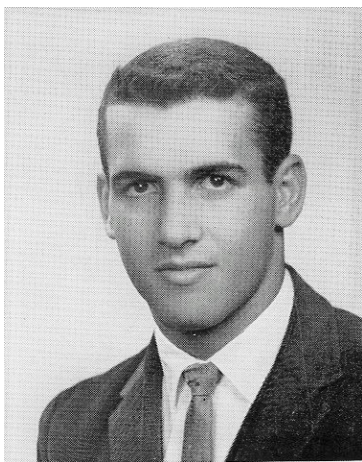




Francis J. Tieuli **Class of 1961**

Frank Tieuli was a truly gifted athlete who excelled in both football and baseball at Milford High and with the Milford Junior Legion Baseball team. In both sports, he was the ultimate team player with a fierce desire to win and a work ethic to make it happen. He was a leader on and off the field, a mentor to underclassmen and a clutch performer when the team needed him most.

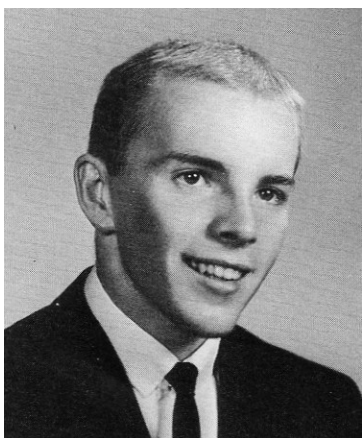
In football, Frank was a three-year letterman as a halfback on both offense and defense and served as captain as a senior. A swift and elusive runner, he led the team in receptions and reception yardage as a junior, and rushing, receptions and receiving yards as a senior. Defensively, he was an outstanding pass defender and a hard-nosed, sure tackler.

On the baseball diamond, versatility was Frank's trademark. Although at MHS he was a three-year starter at third base, he could play any position on the field and excel at it. Hall of Fame Coach "Pep" Morcone said of him "Tieuli was about the best I ever had when it comes to putting a man at any position. He's amazing- I can place him anywhere and he does the job."

Although only a junior, Frank was a key player on the 1960 State Championship Baseball team that finished with a 21-3 record. His teammates rave about the big hits he got in that title run. A Midland League All Star third baseman, he batted .313 as a senior, leading the team to a record of 22-2 and a spot in the State Semi-finals.

Tieuli excelled with the Legion team from 1960-62. On the 1960 State Semi-Final team, he played third base, batted .350 and led the team in runs scored and stolen bases. On the 1961 Zone Championship team, he caught and played third base, again leading the team in runs and stolen bases. His best and final season- 1962 – he played first, second, third, right field and catcher, all the while batting .478 and leading the team in RBI's.

A veteran of the Viet Nam War, Frank served his country in the Air Force from 1963-67.



Arthur Siipola **Class of 1964**

Arthur "Artie" Siipola spent his formative years honing his skills in the Milford Junior League and Babe Ruth League before entering Milford High in the fall of 1960. He would go on to leave his mark as one of MHS's most accomplished athletes, both on the baseball diamond and as a member of the football team for all four years.

On the gridiron, he was a three-year varsity letter winner, spending most of his time as an end on the offensive side of the ball, but also alternating as a defensive end. He also served as the punter and kicker on special teams. Playing for Hall of Fame Coach John Calagione, Artie helped his team to a 7-3 record during his senior year and was recognized as a Midland League All Star at offensive end. One of the highlights of the season was Artie's last second 40-yard touchdown reception on a double reverse pass from Alan Alves for a 12-6 victory over Bartlett HS.

Artie pitched for all four years at the varsity level under Hall of Fame coaches Charlie Espanet and Joe Stoico, who were both great influences on his future teaching and coaching careers. He compiled a record of 13 wins against only 1 loss including a key victory over rival St. Mary's to capture the Town Series. His impressive 1.61 ERA demonstrated his standard of consistency. After graduation, he continued his pitching career as a member of the Powers Post Junior Legion Baseball Team, contributing to a Zone 4 Championship season.

Siipola played two successful seasons at Worcester Junior College, compiling a 7-1 record on the mound while also playing center field. He ended his college career as a reliever at Salem State College, before embarking on a teaching career at Milford High, where he also spent a few seasons coaching freshmen football and assisting with varsity baseball.