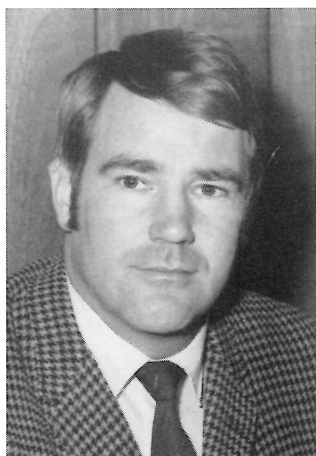


Richard C. Corbin
Director of Athletics & Physical Education
Varsity Football Coach
1968-1978



Richard C. Corbin came to Milford as Director of Athletics and Physical Education and Varsity Football Coach in 1968. He was given a mandate to establish a K-12 Physical Education program and upgrade an underdeveloped interscholastic athletic program. The results were nothing short of spectacular.

Dick engineered the unprecedented growth of both programs in the Milford Public Schools. One system-wide physical education teacher became a comprehensive K-12 program with fifteen certified educators. Twelve interscholastic sports programs, including the first full-fledged programs for female student-athletes, were added between 1968-78. Milford became a dominant force in the Midland League, winning four All-Sports Trophies symbolizing the best over-all sports program in the league during that time period.

Coach Corbin's success as Varsity Football Coach was just as impressive as his administrative accomplishments. His winning percentage (72-25-1; 73%) during his tenure is unmatched by any football coach in the history of Milford High School. Five Midland League Championships, an undefeated Class C Massachusetts State Championship (1970), a Division II Super Bowl Championship (1975) and a Division I Super Bowl Runner-up (1978) are testaments to that success.

Corbin left Milford High School to become the Varsity Offensive Line Coach at Harvard University under Head Coach Joe Restic. After 15 years at Harvard, also serving as Recruiting Coordinator for the last five, Dick spent two years as the Athletic Director at Jewett City, CT High School and five years as Director of Physical Education and Athletics. Although Dick retired from public school education in June 2001, he currently serves as Quarterback Coach at Worcester State College.

Corbin is married to Ruth Ann (Brown) Corbin. He is the father of three daughters- Debra Massey, Melinda Kapatoes and Kristina Lambert- and grandfather of eight.

Joseph P. Graziano
Class of 1945



Joseph P. Graziano, a 1945 graduate of Milford High School, played two years of varsity basketball and baseball. However, it was on the football field that he left his mark, starting almost every game for three seasons and serving as captain during his senior year. He was named the Best Athlete of the Class of 1945.

The fact that Joe was able to play any sports at all, let alone excel at them, is a testament to his courage, fortitude and determination. At the age of 12, Joe was diagnosed as having scoliosis. He spent 14 months in the hospital in a full body cast. After months of therapy and rehabilitation, he was cleared to play sports.

At 5'3" and 130 lbs., Graziano's size would seem to have been a disadvantage. What he lacked in size, however, he made up for with his enthusiastic spirit and

toughness. He quickly became a two-way starter at guard. As Coach Ernie Robert stated during Joe's senior year, "For his size and weight, Captain Joe Graziano is by far one of the best high school football players I have ever laid my eyes upon.....he has that natural zest which makes a football player great....not once did the captain leave the gridiron battle unless it was absolutely necessary." Joe earned All-Scholastic Honorable Mention his first two years and culminated his career by being named to the second team Massachusetts All-Scholastic Team in 1944.

Graziano played for the Milford Trojans, a semi-pro football team from 1946-51, earning MVP honors in 1947. He also was an assistant football coach at St. Mary's High School from 1946-51 and again from 1972-74. Joe also was instrumental in the formation of the Milford Pony Football League, serving as both a coach and on the Board of Directors.

Joe is married to Joyce (Russell) Graziano. He is the father of James, Michael (deceased), Peter and Ann Miller.