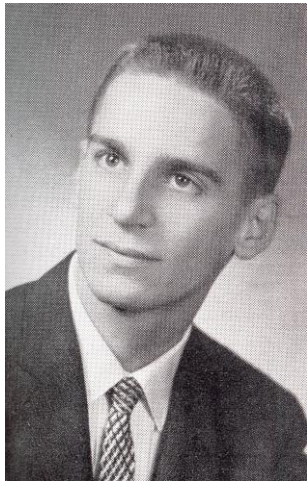




Richard M. Bavosi **Class of 1960**

Richard M. “Dick” Bavosi played and starred in but one sport – baseball – at Milford High School, but he left his mark and a list of accomplishments that few athletes have been able to duplicate. He lived baseball twelve months of the year and earned a place amongst a special group of MHS pitchers- Art Kenny, Bob Stoico, Lefty Lument, Bob St. John and Craig Allegrezza, all of whom have now been inducted into the Milford High School Hall of Fame.

Dick was a very talented, confident and competitive athlete, qualities that made him a very valuable member of very successful MHS Baseball teams during his four years of high school. During his initial campaign as a sophomore, he showed the promise and toughness that would lead Coach Charlie Espanet to call him “a bulldog”. His first start was an 11 inning, 6-5 loss to Clinton, which he followed up with a 14 inning two-hit 1-0 shutout of Marlboro. He went on to post a 5-3 record that season. He followed that up with a junior year campaign in which he went 8-5 with three shutouts and a near no-hitter that was broken up with a bloop eighth-inning single.

Relying on his breaking fastball, a curve and a knuckler, Dick became almost un-hittable as a senior in 1960, and led a very talented team to the Massachusetts Class B State Championship. The title capped a season in which Milford went 23-4 and rolled to the Midland League Championship. His regular season record of 10-1 included two no-hitters. His relentless work ethic and fantastic physical conditioning were evident in the tournament, as he pitched and won three of the four tournament games, pitched a no-hitter in the semi-finals against Provost High of Attleboro, and a four-hitter for an 8-0 win over Charlestown in the title game, ending a personal stretch of 24 scoreless innings.

Dick was also a standout with the Powers Post # 59 Junior Legion team, helping the club to the state finals in 1958, and the American Legion State Championship in 1959. Dick earned a full scholarship to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, but suffered a torn rotator cuff in his third start as a freshman (during the eighth inning of a no-hitter) that ended his season and his career.



James J. Marcello **Class of 1956**

James J. “Jimmy” Marcello proved himself to be one of the best all-around athletes to ever walk the halls of Milford High School. A three sport athlete, he excelled in football, basketball and baseball. At 5-foot-5 and 145 pounds, he made every inch and every pound count in a big way.

A speedy halfback on the gridiron, Marcello gained over 800 yards during an eight game campaign in his senior year. He had an astounding 200 yards in a 13-13 tie with Marlboro, and his two touchdown runs of 55 and 60 yards helped defeat Franklin. Averaging 14 points per game during his four-year varsity career in basketball, Jimmy hit a career high of 27 points as a junior to beat Franklin. He was also a clutch shooter, draining the winning basket to defeat St. Mary’s in the 1956 Town Series.

Baseball, however, is where Jimmy dominated. As a freshman, he had hits in all three play-off games at Fenway Park, helping the team win the Eastern Mass. Title. He was a career .340 hitter at Milford High.

Marcello also played a role in Milford’s two trips to the Junior Legion National tournaments. Mainly a reserve in 1952, he led the team in hitting during the 1953 regular season with a .353 average. He starred in that season’s State Championship game, going 5-for-5, then made a dazzling game-ending fielding play to beat the New Jersey team in the Regional Finals.

Although he had tryouts with both the New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers, he was never offered a minor league contract, but continued to play semi-pro ball in the Blackstone Valley League and Boston Park League, never hitting below .300.