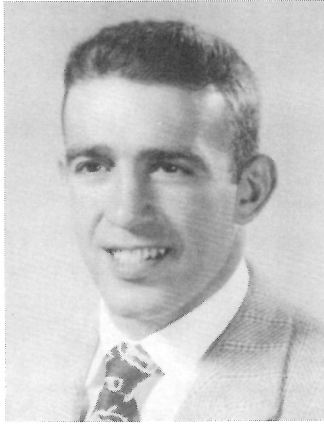


John P. Calagione
Class of 1939



John P. Calagione was a graduate of Milford High School, Class of 1939. A standout on the gridiron, the speedy halfback captained the football team during his senior year, scoring over two-thirds of his team's total points that year. Besides being an outstanding athlete, "Cal" was also a fine student.

After graduating from Milford High, John matriculated at the then Dean Academy, continuing his exploits on the football field. He also took up track, setting a school record in the 100-yard dash which stood for thirty years. Upon his graduation from Dean, John joined the United States Army and saw combat action in the Pacific Theater during World War II. At the end of the war, John enrolled at Tufts University, where he again excelled both as an athlete and a student. He captained the football team all four years, earning All-New England and All-East honors. He was also a four-year letter winner in track. His service as Class President for all four years at Tufts is an indication of his leadership qualities.

"Mr. Cal" returned to Milford High School in 1950 and became a science teacher (and later department head), as well as Head Football Coach in 1953. He also began the track and field program in 1962 and coached the team for six seasons. A member of both the Dean Academy and Tufts University Halls of Fame, John was inducted into the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1982.

"Coach Cal" touched many students and athletes in a very positive manner during his time as a teacher and coach. All he asked of his players was that they gave 100 percent commitment to the game while enjoying it and deriving some fun from their daily routine. He always conducted as a gentleman with integrity, forthrightness and, above all, modesty. He left a lasting legacy both as a teacher/coach and as a kind and thoughtful person.

Henry R. Comolli
Class of 1934



Henry R. "Camelli" Comolli graduated from Milford High School in 1934. He played four years of both football and baseball. He captained the football team his senior year. As stated in the 1934 edition of the Oak, Lily and Ivy "We are pleased to number among our class a boy who has made quite an outstanding record for himself- as a catcher on our baseball team and star on the football squad. It will always be pleasant to remember the vigor with which he played in our athletic contests."

"Camel" was born in Gloucester, MA but moved to Milford as a child. He grew up in the Plains section of town, a neighborhood that produced many outstanding athletes. A rugged young man, Hank was a noted catcher for both Milford High School and the American Legion during his teens. He helped the 1930-32 Junior Legion teams win two state championships in three years. He was also the starting catcher for the outstanding 1932 Milford High School nine. A running back on the football squad, Hank was a powerful offensive force, as well as a devastating defender.

Before turning professional in 1935, he played in the Blackstone Valley League where he was first noticed and signed by New York Giants scout Max Carey. After seven years in the minors, Hank became a Milford baseball legend when he climbed to the major leagues as a catcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1943-46 and the Boston Braves in 1947. Though his major league career was brief, he was considered by many of the experts of the time as one of the best defensive receivers in the game.

Camelli passed away on July 14, 1996. He was the husband of Pauline (Balboni) Camelli and Corrine (Slear) Camelli and was the father of Susan D. Hicks and Janet C. Ankerson.