

Charles J. Brucato
Class of 1933



Charles J. Brucato graduated from Milford High School in 1933. He was a three-sport athlete, competing on the football, basketball and baseball teams. He was captain of the baseball team his senior year.

Charlie's major sports were football and baseball. He was a three-year starter in football. A fast and shifty halfback with outstanding offensive and defensive skills, he helped the 1931 and 1932 teams compile a record of 18-2. An outstanding hitter as well as a great fielder and base-runner, he was the starting shortstop for three years on outstanding baseball teams and was instrumental in the 1932 team winning the Class A State Championship.

Upon graduation from Milford High School, Charlie earned a scholarship to Dean Junior College. His prowess in both football and baseball led to him being one of the first inductees into the Dean Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame.

His athletic achievements at Dean resulted in an athletic scholarship to Holy Cross, where he was a two-year starter in football and a three-year star in baseball. He led the team in hitting all three seasons, and served as captain during his senior year. His exploits earned him election into the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduation from Holy Cross, Charlie played professionally in the minor leagues for the Philadelphia Athletics. He also served as a player-coach in the Nova Scotia professional league. World War II cut short his athletic career, and Brucato enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He was involved in four major campaigns- The Marshall Islands, Tinian, Saipan and Iwo Jima- and received the Purple Heart for injuries received in battle. He left the active Marines as a captain, and retired from the Marine Corps Reserves with the rank of major.

After the war, Charlie returned to Milford High School as head football and baseball coach. He fielded exceptional teams, especially in baseball where his teams were recognized as among the best in the state. He retired from coaching in the mid-fifties and served as Director of Athletics for several years. He then served as Assistant Principal of Milford High School, retiring in 1971. Charlie continued to be active in the community after his retirement and served one term on the Milford School Committee.

Brucato, who passed away in 1999, was the husband of Concetta (Oliva) Brucato. He was the father of Atty. Charles J. Brucato, Jr., Marilyn Tobin, Joseph Brucato and John Brucato, Principal of Milford High School.

Frank A. Bulso
Class of 1941



Frank A. Bulso graduated from Milford High School in 1941. A three-year varsity member of the football, basketball and baseball teams, Frank was a significant contributor in all three sports and was voted "Best Athlete" in his graduating class.

Frank was captain of the 1940 football team and was an extremely versatile player. During his career, he played every position in the line, as well as halfback.

In basketball, Frank was one of the starting five for the 1940-41 team that recorded its most successful season ever up to that point. The team posted a 16-4 record, won the Bay State League title, and advanced to the Tech Tourney. This was the first basketball title in school history. Bulso was described as "treacherous when the chips were down" and "a brilliant forward".

Bulso played on three Midland League baseball championship teams. In his yearbook, it was stated that he "was a smart, courageous athlete and a coach's player - hard working, cooperative and dependable."

After graduation, Frank served three years in the Army during World War II. He played and coached semi-pro football and basketball. He became a firefighter in 1956 and in 1962 was commended by the Board of Selectmen for his rescue of a three-month old boy from a burning building. Bulso was promoted to lieutenant in 1964 and retired from the Milford Fire Department in 1983. He was highly regarded by his peers as a great teacher and leader as well as a humble man of great character. During his lifetime, Frank has served his school, his community and his country with honor and dignity.

Frank is the husband of Pauline (Cervone) Bulso and the father of Jane Bulso-Mangini, Nancy, John and Joseph Bulso