

## Ralph Powers

1958 - Football, Basketball & Baseball



Ralph Powers was one the most gifted, all-around athletes ever to play at Stoneham High School. As a three-sport star athlete in the late '50s, he continually motivated and encouraged not only his teammates but also young future athletes. He rose to the occasion: the bigger the game, the better he played.

In baseball Ralph was a three-year starter as catcher. Coached by Tony DeTeso, Ralph had a batting average of .345 as a sophomore, .392 as a junior and .490 as a senior. As Captain in his senior year, Ralph was chosen winner of the Earl "Brodie" Stevenson award for outstanding senior baseball player. Ralph was offered a full baseball scholarship to Boston University where he continued to excel. In basketball, Ralph was a three-year varsity starting guard and as a senior, Ralph was voted Middlesex League All Star.

In football, Ralph was a three-year varsity starter. Elected co-captain in his senior year, Ralph was the starting quarterback. During his career at Stoneham, Ralph played for three different head coaches—Pat Ranauro, Jack Downs, and Jack Felch. He was voted Class Athlete by his senior class peers.

At Boston University, Ralph was a four-year starter—two and a half years as starting catcher and the remainder as an outfielder. Ralph ran for office at BU and was elected Class President three consecutive years. Upon graduation from Boston University, Ralph had an opportunity to try out for MLB but chose to pursue a teaching/coaching career.

Ralph spent most of his career in Dover-Sherborn Regional High School as a physical education instructor and coach. He was head coach in three varsity sports—baseball, soccer, and golf. Among his many outstanding achievements at Dover-Sherborn are Eastern Mass. State Coach of the Year 1986 and 1992, Boston Globe All Scholastic Soccer Coach of the Year 1986 and 1992 and Mass. State Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame 1999.

Ralph currently resides in Medfield with his wife Gail and they have three loving children—Dan, Cindy, and Nancy.