

Diana Uva Barbera

1985 - Field Hockey, Basketball & Softball



In her four years at Stoneham High, Diana Uva excelled in multiple sports. Whether it was on the diamond, field or court, Uva, better known as “UV” by her teammates, provided a tremendous work ethic as well as leadership. She received two varsity letters in field hockey and softball and collected four letters in basketball.

Playing defense for most of her junior season in field hockey, Uva was moved to forward for the last three games. Despite not having much experience at the new position, Uva was able to overcome the change, scoring two goals in the final three games. Her field hockey coach, Cynthia Carbone, once said, “Diana Uva added a new dimension to the game of field hockey.” She was the only Spartan selected to the Middlesex Field Hockey All Star team in 1983.

Uva’s ability to lead was recognized by her peers as she was named a three sport co-captain her senior year. Always determined to strive to be the best, Uva received three coaches awards for field hockey, basketball, and softball for her desire and hustle. In addition, Uva also received the Stoneham High School Varsity Club Award for Outstanding Varsity Athlete, the Booster Club Varsity Letter Award, and received the School Blanket for female athlete of her class. Uva was named to the Field Hockey Honorable Mention team in 1984.

Her senior season was capped off with a no-hit, seven strikeout performance versus Belmont High, which was labeled as being “the premier pitching effort by a Stoneham girl since the organization of the Middlesex League.” In addition to her dominance on the mound, Diana produced at the plate as well. In her senior year, she batted .328 with 13 RBI’s with 20 runs scored. Her patience at the plate accumulated for 11 walks as well.

While her statistics alone left a legacy on the field and court for Uva, she will always be remembered as someone who did it the right way. Her character exemplified the true meaning of a student-athlete as she never lost sight that she was not only representing her teammates but also representing her family.

Diana is currently a medical secretary. She resides in Wakefield, MA, with her husband Richard and their three children, Jessica, Gina, and Matthew.