

## Joann Marrone Joyce

### 1980 - Field Hockey & Softball



Joann Marrone grew up on the local playgrounds and ice rinks of Stoneham. She became a three-sport athlete, establishing herself as a top amateur women's ice hockey player long before high school teams were established.

In high school, Joann was as an outstanding Spartan both in field hockey and softball. While making her mark on the field hockey team by earning Middlesex League All-Star status for two seasons, it was softball where Joann's competitiveness and leadership really stood out.

As Captain of the 1980 Stoneham High School Hall of Fame Softball Team, Joann led the team to its outstanding 18-2 record capturing the Middlesex League title and beginning a softball dynasty in the town of Stoneham. The 1980 Softball Team and Middlesex League Champions were the first Stoneham softball team to ever qualify for state tournament play, making it to the second round. In a losing effort of tournament play in an extra inning game against a tough Billerica club, Joann and the Spartans did not go down easily. Joanne, the Most Valuable Player of the Middlesex League had four hits, scored twice, and batted in three runs according to the Stoneham Independent.

Captain Joann Marrone, the iron of this tremendously talented club in her senior year, led the team with a batting average of .419 while hitting five home runs, four triples, and two doubles.

Joann Marrone was named a Middlesex League All-Star three years in a row as a catcher, tying a school record at the time for so many honors. As a testament to Joann's leadership, toughness, and talent, records indicate that as the catcher for this team, Joann played in every inning of 45 consecutive varsity games before being rested.

In her senior year, in addition to being the team captain, Joann was the team MVP as well as the Middlesex League MVP and a second team All-Scholastic selection by the Boston Globe.

Today Joann Marrone-Joyce still resides in Stoneham with her husband, Tom and son, Matthew.