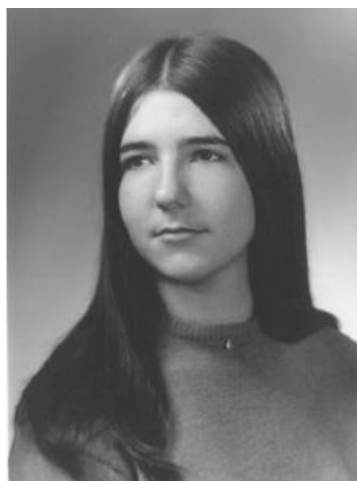


Jeanne Duonolo Craigie

1969 - Field Hockey, Basketball & Softball



A bonafide athletic pioneer, Jeanne Duonolo becomes the first SHS Hall of Fame inductee from the pre-Title IX era.

In fact the 1960s was the first decade of SHS girls' athletic teams. Jeanne began her career as a Spartan athlete in 1965. Over the next four years at SHS, she excelled in field hockey, basketball, and softball as a player and found time to manage another.

The fall season found Jeanne right in the middle of the action as the field hockey team's center halfback. As a senior her considerable leadership ability was first on display as team captain.

The winter brought Jeanne indoors to the hardwood. From her guard position, she set out to establish the pace of the Spartan basketball contests with her skill and tenacity. Her hoop career was culminated by the best SHS girls' basketball season to date. A 9-3 overall record that included an 8-2 mark versus Middlesex League competition still stands as one of the best SHS girls' basketball seasons of all time more than four decades later.

Despite these estimable achievements on the field and the court Jeanne saved her best for the diamond. An outfielder with gold glove defensive acumen, Jeanne also excelled in offensive batting at the top of the order and led the team with a sizzling .537 average. As a senior Jeanne co-captained an outstanding team that compiled an 8-1 record.

Earning six varsity letters overall Jeanne also managed the gymnastics team for four years. She was voted Most Athletic by the Class of 1969. The most prestigious of all awards offered by SHS, the outstanding girl athlete in a team sport was given to Jeanne for her combination of "leadership, participation, skill and sportsmanship" in addition to being acknowledged as a friend and leader at Stoneham High School.

Leaving Stoneham for Northeastern University a devastating knee injury as a freshman ended Jeanne's competitive athletic career and led to a career in athletics.

After graduating in 1974, she became Northeastern's first woman athletic trainer and just the seventeenth to be certified by the National Athletic Trainer's Association in the United States.

The school's Woman of the Year in 1974, Jeanne became the first women to receive a NU men's varsity letter sweater for her service to athletics.

Returning to her Stoneham roots in 1979 Jeanne served the School Department

as athletic trainer through 1986. Her lifelong meritorious service to Stoneham High School and the Town of Stoneham continues today as a member of the School Committee.

Jeanne and her husband Paul still reside in Stoneham.