

James Reynolds

1976 Football, Basketball & Baseball



Throughout his Spartan career, Jim Reynolds consistently exemplified the qualities of outstanding character, intelligence, perseverance, and leadership.

Jim distinguished himself and brought honor to Stoneham High School through his extensive athletic participation and outstanding academic accomplishments as a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams from 1973 to 1976.

During his freshman year, Jim displayed his versatility and athletic ability as he helped lead the soccer, track, basketball and baseball teams to winning records in the Middlesex League. He was named the recipient of the Richard A. Paradiso Award for outstanding scholar athlete in 1972.

Jim earned a position on the varsity football team as a sophomore. Coach Bob Margarita quickly recognized his speed, quickness, and toughness as a defensive back and ball carrier. In 1973, he was selected as the American Legion Boys State Representative for Stoneham High School at Assumption College.

Reynolds was outstanding in every sport he played, but baseball was truly his game. He was the definition of dominance as a shortstop on the baseball diamond as he batted .403 and .417 his junior and senior years for the SHS baseball team. His outstanding range, great glove, and strong arm combined with his exceptional baseball instincts and take charge attitude made him one of the best ever to play the position for the Spartans. During his junior year, Jim was a major contributor to a 1975 team that went 18-3 winning the Middlesex League and earning the number one seed in the Division 1 Boston Globe tournament rankings. Jim earned the respect of his teammates and was selected as captain of the Spartan baseball team in the spring of 1976. He was named to the Middlesex League All-Star Baseball Team following both his junior and senior seasons.

Jim received the Harvard Book Award in 1975 which is awarded to the outstanding boy in the junior class who combines excellence in scholarship with achievement in other fields. That same year, he was recognized with the Presidential physical Fitness Award. After Stoneham High School, Jim was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Upon graduation from West Point, he played shortstop for the US Army, Europe fast pitch softball team champions 1981 – 1983.

Jim and his wife Barbara reside in Dracut. They are the proud parents of daughter Erin and sons James and Matthew.