



Frank Sousa can perhaps be best described as a “man of all seasons.” Frank was voted Class President, Best Natured, Most Admirable, Most Popular by his fellow classmates in addition to being Class Couple with Charlotte Dike.

Frank was a member of the 1950 SHS Hall of Fame Baseball Team, Middlesex League Champions, and a regular on the very strong and talented hockey team.

Frank’s greatest athletic skills were in football where the Stoneham Independent described him as the best lineman on the 1949 football team playing both offense and as a “down lineman.” Frank time and time again penetrated the opposing team’s backfield to make tackles for losses. In a game against Ipswich he was described as “spending the afternoon in the Ipswich backfield.” He was further described as having an outstanding game against Lexington and blocked a punt against Woburn.

In the Armistice Day 1949 Winthrop High versus Stoneham High School Football Program first year Head Coach Tony DeTeso, former Tufts football player and Assistant Coach the year prior at undefeated Wilmington High and later inducted in college and high school Hall of Fames as player, coach and athletic director raved about right guard Frank Sousa, No. 83, at 145 pounds saying “He’s dynamite, and in my opinion the best lineman in the state.” Frank Sousa graduated from Stoneham High School and then served in the Marines for three years. Staff Sergeant Sousa as a combat veteran and forward observer for the likes of fighter pilot Ted Williams also played for the Marine football team at Opa-locka-Marine Air Base.

After the war Frank and his now wife Charlotte went to UMass-Amherst where both graduated while starting a family. Frank also played both football and hockey for several years at UMass.

Frank started writing for the Springfield Republican newspaper in 1957 which he continues to do today. Frank finished writing a trilogy of books this past year.

The 1950 class couple Frank Sousa and Charlotte Dike just celebrated sixty-five years of marriage while having four children, twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren