## **Larry Daniels**



As a member of the Spartan football offensive line, Larry Daniels was recognized by his coaches and teammates as the Most Valuable Player on the 1964 Stoneham High School football team. He was named to the All-Middlesex League 1st Team his senior year.

Offensive lineman may be the most unheralded athletes in any sport. There are very few statistics, plenty of aches and pains and not much glamour or recognition on the score sheet. In fact, they are noticed only when they make a mistake. However, they are key to moving the ball by allowing their teammates to make plays. The success of any football team is usually based on the ability and performance of the offensive linemen. Larry Daniels is certainly one of our school's all-time best.

It is very rare to find a Spartan athlete who successfully combined the characteristics of intelligence, toughness, work ethic, character and athletic ability as Daniels displayed throughout the Middlesex League and on the gridiron at Recreation Park.

Larry was an intuitive and thoughtful player on the field – which mirrored his classroom persona as well. He was very serious about succeeding in school as well as working hard on the football field. He possessed the rare combination of mental and physical toughness. Larry understood that pain is a large part of football especially in trenches and those players must be able to play with pain.

Daniels was a three-sport athlete at the Stoneham High School. He was an outstanding member of the Spartan varsity basketball team and spring track team for three years before graduating in 1965. His academic and athletic accomplishments were widely appreciated. He was recruited and went on to play football at Boston College where he graduated in 1969.

Following his playing days at Boston College, Larry returned to the Stoneham community and volunteered his services as a Pop Warner football coach from 1970 to 1974 helping to develop a new generation of Spartan football players.

Larry currently lives in Merrimack, New Hampshire.