As he was growing up in the West Shore District of West Haven, Jim Peccerillo gained a reputation as a hard-hitting, talented, skilled and quiet member of the athletic community.

Born in West Haven, it was soon obvious that he possessed quite a bit of athletic talent and intellectual ability.

While attending West Haven High School, he excelled in football and baseball and served as captain of both teams in his senior year. At the time he was also a classroom standout.

In baseball he was selected on the All-District teams during his sophomore, junior and senior years. In his junior year he led the Westies to a state championship, the second for coach Whitey Piurek. But he is probably remembered best for his exploits on the gridiron where he led the Blue Devils to a state title. He was awarded the DeGale Annex-YMA Club and citation, the Hilltop Athletic Association Colletta Award as well as the New Haven County Scholar-Athlete Award.

Peccerillo went on to play baseball at Harvard, where he won three varsity letters, was selected to the All-Boston League team and won the school’s Unsung Hero citation in 1979. Jim is also a Twilight League Gold Bat Award recipient.

He graduated from Harvard in 1978 with a BA in economics and an MBA in 1992 from the University of New Haven. He is currently employed by Unilever Americas in Trumbull.

Peccerillo is active in local politics, having served as a city councilman and is currently chairman of the West Haven Charter Revision Commission.

Married to the former Sandra Kalison, they are the parents of two sons, Andrew and Edward.