

Ron Smith
Inducted June 25, 2010

Athlete – Class of 1976

Ron Smith played varsity player in baseball for four seasons, varsity soccer for three and basketball for two. Ron's favorite and strongest sport was baseball at which he excelled from a young age beginning in Little League and progressing through Babe Ruth and American Legion programs. He was a key member of the milestone 1976 Class B-C-D Section IV Championship team which he led with a .357 batting average.

In soccer he scored 8 goals and 4 assists in soccer in his first two varsity seasons and then unselfishly moved from offense to sweeper back for his senior season. The move earned him selection to the IAC First Team All-Star squad. In basketball he was recognized as a strong rebounder as well as a scoring threat, tallying 326 points in two seasons.

Ron Smith was a talented, all-round athlete who is remembered for his desire and hard work, his acceptability of coaching, and his sportsmanship. He was a role model for his teammates and younger athletes. Most notably Ron was an outstanding citizen of his school and community. His strength of character, loyalty to friends and teammates, and his achievements on the playing field and in the classroom are his legacy.

Ron Smith graduated from Marathon High School in 1976 and began pursuit of a degree in Criminal Justice and Tompkins-Cortland Community College. He was tragically killed in a accident on June 15, 1977. An award in his name is given each year to an athlete who best mirrors the qualities he possessed.