

William C. Verfuss
Inducted June 27, 2008

Athlete-Class of 1957

Bill Verfuss was a 5 sport athlete, earning varsity letters in soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball and track and field. He played 3 varsity seasons of soccer, baseball, volleyball and track and field. He recorded 2 varsity seasons of basketball in which he scored a career total of 509 points.

Bill was a tall, big, and very strong athlete. While he was a good soccer player and a powerful basketball forward, his baseball talent was exceptional. He was a catcher and an impressive hitter with outstanding power and strength. In his senior year he was selected to play in the Section IV All-Star Game in Cooperstown. Dividing playing time in the game between catcher and first base, in five official at-bats he had five hits including a tremendous home run. The game and Bill's performance was reported extensively and drew the attention of a Baltimore Orioles scout, who visited locally and provided an individual "tryout". Obviously impressed by what the scout had reported, Bill was sent a contract and signing bonus offer. However, Bill opted to accept a job at IBM Corporation, because of the security it offered, rather than attending training camp.

Bill passed away from an illness at an early age, leaving a widow and three young children. He was a lifelong resident of Marathon, and his children all eventually graduated from Marathon Central School, where they, too, were greatly involved in the athletic program.

